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## District faces tough choices

► 1991 school  
board resolution  
may not prevent  
Frederic closure

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education needs to trim the district's budget by at least \$700,000 for the next school year. The reasons for the shortfall are twofold.

First, the economy is not growing so the per pupil basic grant, will remain at \$6,700, at best. Second, the number of students in the district has dropped by 209 since September 1996.

Additionally, the 2003-04 kindergarten class is considerably smaller than Grayling High School's graduating class of 2003, therefore student count is expected to drop by approximately 50 more students.

The school board is currently looking for ways to cut the budget that will have the smallest impact on student learning.

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## Love of animals evident in artist's works

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Kim Diment has loved painting since she was a small girl. Her mother gave her paint and brushes when she was four and started her on her career as a wildlife artist.

She was also fortunate to have a teacher who took a special interest in her and helped foster her career.

Second grade teacher Peg Ridgeway was very interested in animals and helped spark the interest in Diment. She helped increase her love of art by having Diment make several bulletin boards dealing with animals for the classroom. Ridgeway also helped Diment set up her first art shows.

When Diment graduated from Oscoda High School, she went to Michigan State University where she majored in zoology and art.

During the time Diment was an art teacher in both Standish and Alpena school districts, she had a chance to go to Africa and has since returned to the continent seven times. For most of these trips to Africa she worked at a safari camp and during the times between safaris she took many photos.

Diment specializes in painting animals in their natural habitat which is why she uses photos. She photographs the animals

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Artist Kim Diment works on her most recent painting depicting three lions.

## Snowmobilers find lake ice too weak, too late

► Recovery efforts  
continue to locate  
brothers missing  
since Sunday night

Five snowmobilers were rescued and two are missing and presumed dead as a result of two incidents over the weekend where the men traveling on Houghton Lake were unaware of thin ice and open water ahead of them.

A trooper from the Michigan State Police Post in Houghton Lake was dispatched to the northwest corner of the lake around 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, January 11 in response to a report of five snowmobilers having gone through the ice. Lake Township Fire Department was also dispatched to the scene to provide water rescue if necessary.

Upon their arrival, they discovered all five men had been removed from the water. One man, Carl Bohm, age 23 of Midland, was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling and treated for a mild case of hypothermia.

Trooper Keith Toms was told that a group of six snowmobilers had been traveling on the frozen

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## Numbers in on Phase II of state traffic enforcement campaign

by Cheryl Raley  
Staff Writer

Two drunk driving arrests were made by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies during Phase II of a holiday traffic enforcement campaign, sponsored by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

The "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" drunk driving awareness campaign ran from December 20, 2002 to January 5, 2003. While all three law enforcement agencies serving Crawford County were on the look-out for impaired or drunk drivers this past holiday season, the Sheriff's Office submitted its activity to the OHSP.

Prior to the special enforcement period, a statewide advertising campaign on television, radio and in the press warned drivers of the stepped up effort to catch and prosecute those driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his deputies contributed 208 total patrol hours to the campaign with the goal of keeping local roads safer, from just before Christmas and into the week following New Year's Day.

A total of 112 vehicles were stopped.

Of those 112 stops, two drivers were arrested for drunk driving. Wakefield said it is difficult for his department to make a substantial amount of drunk driving

arrests as his road patrol ends at midnight. "This leaves the Grayling Police to patrol the city and an occasional (Michigan) State Trooper to patrol the rest of the county after midnight, when most drunk drivers leave the bars or parties and head for home," Wakefield explained.

Statistics for the two-week period were not available from the Grayling Police Department or Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post.

Also as a result of the 112 stops, sheriff's officers issued one seat belt violation ticket (age 16 and over). Wakefield said he believes there was only one ticket written because awareness was raised during Phase I's "Click It or Ticket" seat belt law enforcement campaign. Speeding citations numbered 75, other moving violations totaled five, 30 non-moving violations were cited, and five felony and 17 misdemeanor arrests were made.

No "minor in possession" or MIP arrests were made during the campaign. Wakefield said he hopes this is a result of the recent effort to make the community more aware of the local underage drinking problem.

Even though the campaign is over, Wakefield said his office will continue to keep an eye out for drunk drivers and safety belt law violators in an effort to save lives in Crawford County.

## Trout Unlimited honors those who protect our rivers

The Grayling City Council and three individuals were given awards for their contributions to help preserve and enhance rivers at a recent meeting of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The Grayling City Council received the Rainbow Trout award given to a group that has made extraordinary contributions to the health of local rivers. The council received their award for their endorsement and significant financial support of the city storm water and surface run-off treatment project. Vice President Jim Powers said, "We salute the vision of the Grayling City Council, knowing their cooperation will help protect the AuSable River for generations to come."

Rusty Gates received the Brook Trout award presented to an area individual who has made extraordinary contributions to preserve the cold water fishery of the AuSable and Upper Manistee River watersheds. Gates activities include raising money for restoration projects, organizing the September AuSable River cleanup, supporting the white cedar tree planting program along the AuSable and contributing to the Manistee River restoration projects.

The two recipients of the Brown Trout award given to



Photo by Susan Warrington

Jim Powers (left), Vice President of the local Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, presents the plaque to Grayling Mayor Dave Wyman (right) for the support the City Council has given to help keep the AuSable River clean.

area professionals who have made extraordinary contributions are Ken Rouston and Susan Thiel. They are both employees of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources who have worked tirelessly for effective management of northern Michigan's natural resources. Rouston, in addition to his normal duties of forest management served on the Upper Manistee River Access Committee. His contri-

bution to the access management plan involved field studies of all access sites, including GPS coordinates, descriptions and photographs. He also helped develop maps for the watershed from Mancelona Road to M-66.

Thiel is Unit Manager of the Forest Management Division. Rivers in her management area include the Manistee River in Crawford County and most of the AuSable River watershed to

Lake Huron. She helped coordinate improvements to the Rayburn parcel including engineering for ADA parking and toilet facilities. She is now working on a single track, non-motorized pathway over the AuSable. She also served on the Upper Manistee River Access Committee helping with the coordination of the interactive database for all sites in the study.

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More than a dozen vehicles line Eagle Point Road near the shores of Lake Margrethe. Residents living on Eagle Point have reported ice fishermen using the public access area have been creating traffic congestion and blocking their mailboxes. The sheriff is asking for cooperation and courtesy from those parking there.

## Fishermen asked to be courteous to residents

► Eagle Point Rd. parking has caused residents to miss mail delivery

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

An Eagle Point Road resident brought the issue of a growing parking problem to the attention of Grayling Township officials and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office last week, complaining of blocked mailboxes and road congestion.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he understands the excitement of winter sports, including ice fish-

ing, but wants to remind those using road ends, such as Eagle Point Road, to take the time to show some courtesy to its residents.

"I, too, love the excitement of fishing on beautiful Lake Margrethe. I realize by getting all wrapped up in the excitement of fishing we can sometimes forget to be courteous to those that live near the lake year-round," Wakefield said. "But as you can see by this photo, recently submitted to my office, the parking problems are becoming abundant."

The Eagle Point Road resident presented photos and information at a meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on January 8. For at least two years, residents in the area have experienced occasional non-delivery of mail and newspapers due to vehicles blocking mailboxes and newspaper tubes. Driveways are also being blocked.

"When you block someone's mailbox, his or her mail does not get delivered that day," Sheriff Wakefield explained. "If this

was your mailbox and you did not receive your retirement check because a visiting fisherman had blocked your mailbox in, you would be upset."

"And, if you decided to go to the store one morning and found it difficult to get out of your driveway or garage, which was blocked by other vehicles, you would be upset." Not knowing whose vehicle is blocking a driveway and their location on the lake, in some instances, has made it impossible for residents to leave their driveways.

But Wakefield said the concerns go beyond mail delivery and blocked driveways. It's a matter of public safety.

"In the winter time many people burn wood," Wakefield said. "If a chimney or other fire occurred down one of these streets, the fire department would be hindered by this traffic congestion." He said there would be no easy or quick way to get the owners back to shore and remove the vehicles to allow sufficient access by fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

Noise has also been a complaint by local residents. "The fish begin biting early in the morning and this encourages fishermen to arrive and unload their three-wheelers and four-

wheelers very early," the sheriff said.

"The activity can wake up our slumbering friends and neighbors who live at the lake. So, with this in mind, along with many complaints called to my office, please use due care and caution and let's try to be more courteous to the folks that live near the lake year-round."

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said his Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in May to address the many issues facing residents of Lake Margrethe. Besides the parking problems at various road ends and boat launches, Wright said the issues of burning leaves and boaters speeding near the shore will also be discussed in the spring.

"We really need to get people together here at the township hall and discuss some solutions to some longtime problems. The people who live at the lake are very important to us, but we have to also remember we serve a total of 7,000 residents who also have concerns and the right to use the public waterways. We would like to hear from all sides of the issues."

"We all have to work together to make this a better place to live," said Sheriff Wakefield.

## Several county appointments expire in 2003

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Several seats on a variety of committees overseen by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will expire this year and local residents are encouraged to apply for the positions.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said being part of a committee is a great way to get involved in decision-making which affects many facets of the entire community.

Coming up in 2003 are the following openings:

Building Authority, Construction Board of Appeals, North Central Community Mental Health, Compensation Committee, Housing Commission, Commission on Aging, Crawford County Transit Authority (Dial-A-Ride), Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Family Independence

Agency, Board of Canvassers (Elections), Library Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission.

Moore said while it can be helpful for applicants to have some experience or familiarity with the committee for which they apply, it is not a requirement.

Just having a genuine interest in a committee's area of concern is a good start for many applicants.

For example, those who love the library may want to apply for the library board and those concerned with the availability or quality of mental health services may wish to apply to serve with the local mental health agency.

For a complete list of upcoming board openings, length of terms, application deadlines or information on the application process, call Moore at 344-3200 or log on to the county's web site at [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org).

## Library Board elects new officers

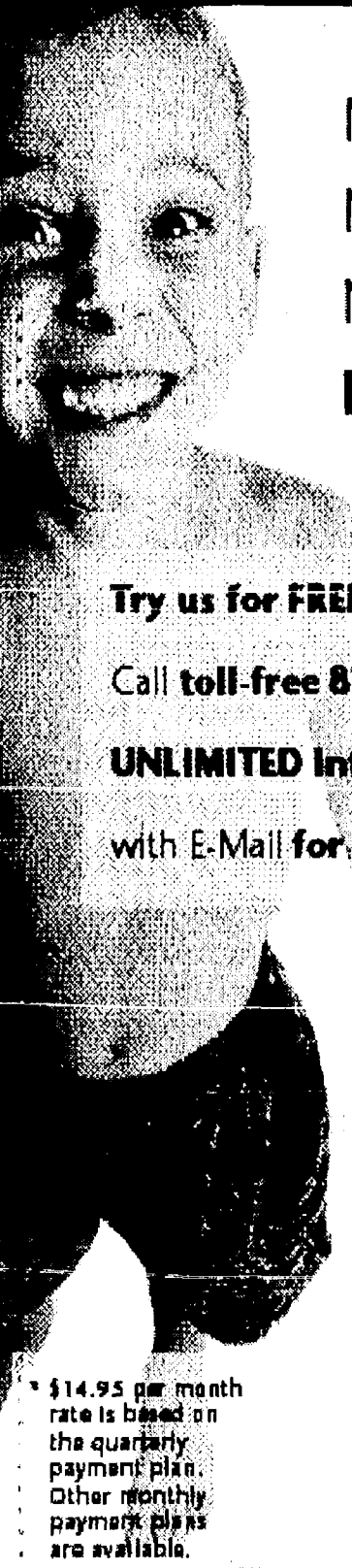
The Crawford County Library Board, which oversees operation of the one main library and three branch libraries, has elected new officers for 2003.

Board officers are: Sharon Hartman - President; Ray Priebe, Jr. - Vice President; Judy Morford - Secretary; Loreta Hassan - Finance; and Barbara Greene - Trustee.

Hartman's five-year appointment on the Board will expire October 31.

The Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

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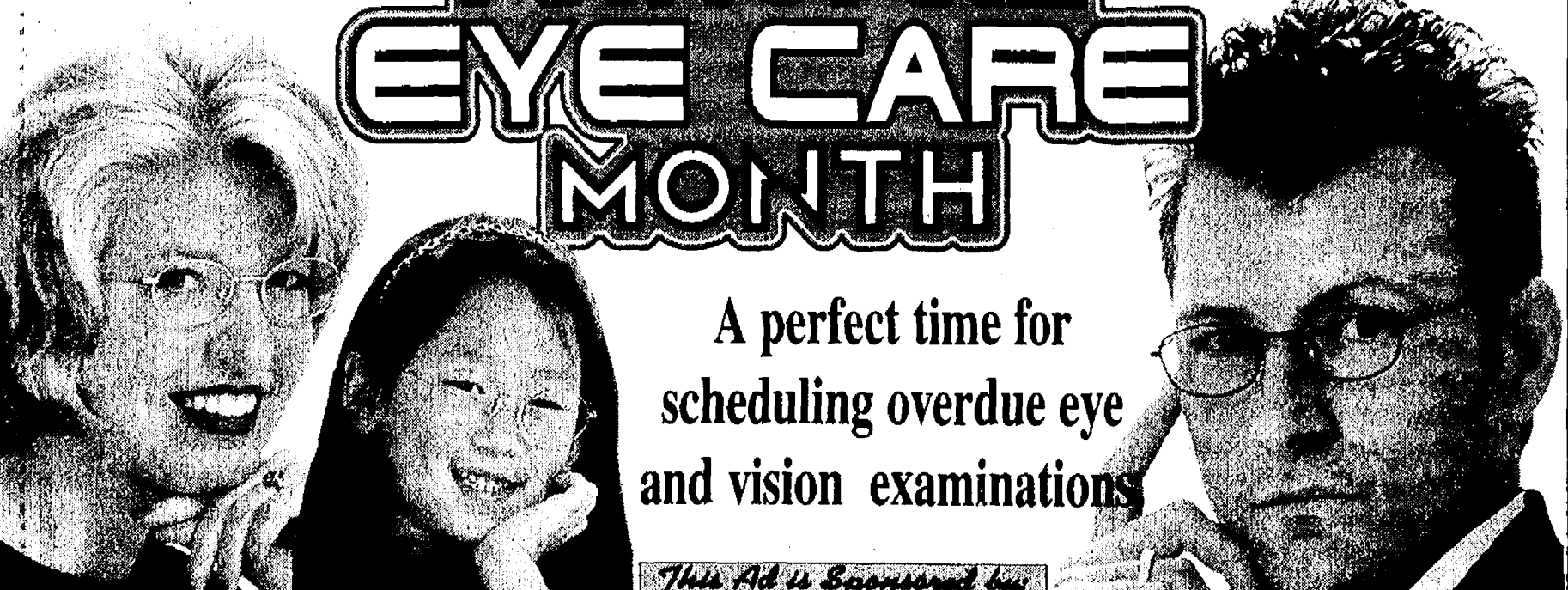
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## Winter weather stresses already tight budget

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

While the lack of 24-hour road patrol is a major concern for Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, money allocated for overtime pay is of greater immediate concern.

"The budget I was given to work with was set up for failure from the start," he said. "We have already used more than 89 percent of my overtime pay budget and it's only January. I don't know what is going to happen if there's a major emergency or if winter weather accidents and other mishaps cause me to call in more manpower at crucial times."

In fiscal year 2001, the Sheriff's Office was budgeted \$10,000 in overtime pay, but spent \$19,000. In 2002, Wakefield and Lovely managed to stay very close to their \$10,000 budget. However, Wakefield started fiscal year 2003 with only \$5,000 earmarked for overtime. About \$500 remains unused as of press time.

Former Sheriff Dave Lovely was forced to make line item adjustments to cover the cost of overtime by spending less in other areas of operation such as on equipment purchases and maintenance, and firing range training. But Wakefield said his budget has been cut to the bare bones and has no idea where he can make cuts without lay-offs.

Recent snowfalls have not stopped drivers from pushing the limits on slippery local roads and highways, thus pushing the local road officers' time to its limits, and providing a good example of how unpredictable the job of law enforcement can be.

For instance, this past weekend, Sheriff's officers and local towing companies were kept busy from the time snow started falling early on Friday through late Saturday night.

Saturday morning proved to be the most challenging, with pick-up trucks, most with snowmobile trailers in tow, running off north-

bound I-75 faster than deputies and tow truck drivers could possibly keep up.

"White-out" conditions were reported on the highway north of Grayling, while treacherous road surface conditions existed to the south.

At two different times Saturday morning, sheriff's officers Captain Art Clough and Deputy Conrad Niederhouse were forced to close down the highway or slow down traffic on northbound I-75 in order to clear the roadway of jack-knifed pick-ups, trailers and the snowmobiles they were hauling. At least eight snowmobiles were damaged in traffic mishaps that day. No injuries were reported.

Over 30 calls regarding accidents and vehicles off the road were handled by 911 Central Dispatch and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office beginning at 8:38 a.m. on Friday, January 10 and ending around 9:30 p.m. Saturday night. Twenty-one of the mishaps took place in the northbound lanes of I-75, as snowmobilers rushed to their destinations. Numerous tickets were issued to drivers who failed to drive properly for the road conditions.

When drivers travel too fast for road conditions and end up in ditches and highway medians, Wakefield said law enforcement gets bogged down answering the calls for help. This leaves dispatchers to perform a balancing act, delegating other types of calls to whatever law enforcement officer may be available at the time. Many calls are deemed non-emergency and must wait until an officer becomes available, but all life-threatening emergency calls are handled in an expeditious fashion.

When the load gets too heavy, the Sheriff calls in extra deputies. "It doesn't take much to eat up that overtime pay budget," Wakefield said, "because the job doesn't end out on the road for these guys. They have to write

accident reports and take care of other paperwork so that drivers can file insurance claims and get their vehicles fixed. Reports can take up a lot of valuable time, but they have to be completed."

To add to the Sheriff's woes, his patrol cars are quickly approaching the limited 100,000 odometer reading. By contract, sheriff's deputies do not have to partake in any high-speed pursuits in a vehicle driven more than 100,000 miles. They can, however, use them for normal patrol and routine calls, but no one can predict when a routine call will end in a chase with a dangerous suspect.

Wakefield said even though today's cars are built to last a bit longer than before, his employees really prefer not to drive the cars with over 100,000 miles on them because of the extensive wear and tear caused by traveling the county's unpaved roads and two-tracks while performing their duties. Winter driving conditions add to the toll. "Some of my patrol cars can really get beat to hell out there and all of us are a little leery of driving them, especially on long distance transports," Wakefield said.

No new vehicles were purchased during the 2002 fiscal year and none are budgeted for 2003, leaving Sheriff Wakefield to face some trying personnel issues.

He told the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at their January 8 Law Enforcement Committee meeting he may be forced to put two deputies in each car and/or send deputies home if their contract can't be changed to allow an extra 20,000 miles on each vehicle, similar to agreements in neighboring counties. Wakefield said he is afraid none of these options will be good for morale.

"We may be facing some really tough decisions in the near future," Wakefield said. "I know I can't afford to pay people to just sit in the office... and public safety can't afford that either."

## School counselor faces drunk driving charge

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Grayling man, known for years for delivering his anti-drug, anti-alcohol, and anti-violence messages to local school children, was arrested recently for allegedly driving drunk.

David "Clyde" Holzbauer, a guidance counselor who works for the Crawford AuSable Schools at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools, waived his right to an arraignment on Tuesday, January 14 in 83rd District Court, following his arrest just before 7 p.m. on January 3. He is expected back in

court later this month for a pre-trial conference and preliminary examination.

Holzbauer writes, performs, and produces motivational songs on tapes and CDs distributed regularly to elementary school children in the Crawford AuSable School District as part of its social skills curriculum. He also sings and plays the guitar during sing-a-longs at school assemblies that include D.A.R.E. programs.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said 51-year old Holzbauer is not a member of his office's D.A.R.E. team, but said he believes Holzbauer "does a

great job with the younger kids."

Court records show Holzbauer was stopped for alleged speeding on January 3 near AuSable Trail and M-72 West. A subsequent breath test administered by the Sheriff's department showed Holzbauer had an alleged .20 alcohol level, twice the legal limit.

School superintendent Milli Haug, who oversees personnel issues for the district, said last week she could not comment at this time regarding Holzbauer's alleged drunk driving or his involvement with the social skills curriculum in the schools.

## Rep. Gillard sworn in, ready to tackle issues

LANSING — State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) was sworn in as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives on January 8 and announced the opening of his office in Lansing. Gillard is beginning his first term in the Michigan House.

"It's time to get to work," said Gillard last Wednesday.

"The state is facing a number of challenges right now -- creating and keeping jobs, the outrageous cost of prescription drugs and health care, and making sure the employee pensions are protected from corporate raiders, just to

name a few. We are going to have to reach across the aisle to find common solutions to these problems, and that starts today."

Gillard represents the 106th District, which includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Oscoda, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. The 92nd Michigan Legislature will resume session on January 28.

"We have to make sure that we get northern Michigan working again," said Gillard.

"Unemployment in our region remains above the national average, and I plan on making the creation of new jobs and the reten-

tion of the jobs we already have a number one priority."

Gillard's office is located in room S-1485 of the Anderson House Office Building. He can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909; by phone at (517) 373-0833; by fax at (517) 373-8446; and by e-mail at Mjgillard@house.mi.gov.

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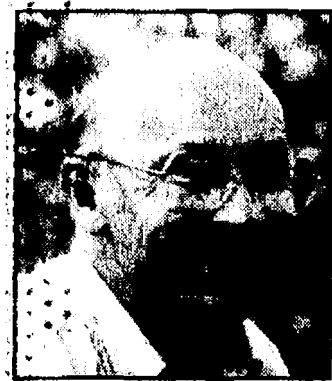
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Governor John Engler will not be forgotten

BEAL CITY FARM boy John Engler at year's end finally has left Michigan's state capital after 32 years in office, but the memory will linger for many years. Mr. Engler plotted his entry into Michigan government and politics while he still was a student at Michigan State University. First step: The Michigan legislature. So John Engler challenged a well-established Republican incumbent representative, Rep. Russell Strange of Mt. Pleasant, and won the GOP primary in 1970 at age 21. The rest is history. That initial venture into elective politics in 1970 displayed certain traits which Mr. Engler followed throughout his career -- careful advance planning, unafraid to tackle the status quo, and work hard to accomplish

goals. Once in office, including governor, he operated the same way -- planning, boldness and hard work. Mr. Engler was not a do-nothing governor. Quite the contrary, he accomplished a lot, and failed at very few initiatives. He leaves behind on the Michigan political scene a host of friends and a host of enemies, and not many people in between. HIS RECORD AS governor emphasized educational spending reforms and improved classroom performance. John Engler has been a national leader in welfare reform, reduced a lot of taxes -- and raised some, too -- and experimented time and again in reorganizing state government agencies and activities.

He's proud of his steps to improve the economic climate in Michigan, and boasts of job creation and lower unemployment lists. In all these areas, there is plenty of truth. However, there's a "Yeah, but ..." codicil on many... How one views John Engler and his record in state government generally is guided by how his programs and his actions have directly affected the person making the judgement. The philosophical orientation of his supporters and detractors usually makes a difference, too. For example, James Barrett, president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, praises John Engler for encouraging jobs and investment in Michigan, while Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO, blames him for higher taxes and tougher

benefit rules for workers... SOME OPINIONS seem uniform. He was tough, resourceful, effective. "Principled, partisan, pragmatic and polarizing, Engler never stopped trying to change things...it's not likely Michigan will ever again see the likes of John Engler," editorialized *The Detroit Free Press*. "There's nobody that's been like him. Engler was just a force of nature when it came to asserting his will and his patience," said Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*. "He was a pragmatist, but his pragmatism was always in service to a broader vision," wrote Thomas Bray, *Detroit News* columnist. What do I think of John Engler and his record? I'm one of the

few who has followed his career who's in the middle on John Engler. I consider myself neither a friend nor a foe. John Engler probably will get more credit for the good things his administration accomplished, and too much blame for anything bad. He was an astute politician, and thoroughly Republican. From the time he became Senate majority leader in the early 1980's right through the day he left the capital, he worked to mold and control the Michigan Republican party. Of course, changes in political philosophy were following a national trend toward conservatism during those years. His effect on Michigan's economy was distinct, but the entire nation enjoyed booming economic times during the 1990's. Michigan rode that tide, too. Mr.

Engler does not deserve all the credit. Just so, the deficits and slashed spending Mr. Engler leaves behind for the new governor also are reflected in other states. Mr. Engler's not completely at fault. John Engler's Michigan legacy has yet to be decided. History is like that. It should only be written long after the fact, by people who were not involved personally but who can stand back and view what happened in a detached way. One thing is for certain: We will not soon forget Governor John Engler and the things he did for -- and to -- Michigan and its people. Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Frederic handed seven 'breaches of faith'

To the editor and citizens of Crawford County, Here we go again! "Frederic Elementary to be Closed." Let me explain why this should never happen. Let's go back to the years of 1964 to 1966. Because Grayling School was in financial trouble, school officials courted citizens of Frederic proposing that the high school systems be consolidated. Frederic had a small enrollment in high school and also had a large tax base, which consisted of the townships of Frederic, Maple Forest and Loyells, as well as Waters in Otsego County. Frederic School had no bond debt. Grayling had a large high school enrollment, a large bond debt, and not enough capital to run the new high school which was going to be built. At this time, though Frederic had no bond debt, monies banked, and plenty of monies for operating kindergarten through twelfth grades, citizens were aware that general math, algebra, geometry and trigonometry were taught in consecutive years, not yearly. A freshman might come in the second year or third year of the sequence and have to wait two years to get general math. The same was true for the science classes. For this reason I supported the consolidation of our high schools. Because of subsequent events, I regret that I did. The agreement to consolidate was as follows: Frederic School would retain their K through eighth grades and

Grayling School would retain their own K through eighth grades. The high schools would consolidate in the 1966-67 school year, as Crawford-AuSable School. One school board would oversee the schools. Frederic would assume the bond for the high school in four years. (Monies transferred to Crawford-AuSable School District from the consolidation and transfer would allow this.) • The first breach of faith with this agreement seemed apparent when Grayling dominated the sign at the Crawford AuSable High School. Frederic students wondered, wasn't this supposed to be their high school too? • Second breach of faith - the bond was assessed to our late school district in two years instead of four years. • Third breach of faith - monies for maintenance of our old high school, which now housed our junior high was reduced until the historic building was not safe and was demolished. • Fourth breach of faith - Frederic seventh and eighth graders were forced to move to the Grayling junior high, which was not in the consolidation agreement. • Fifth breach of faith - Crawford AuSable needed monies to operate. The millage was turned down by voters, so the school board closed Frederic Elementary School for the entire 1981-82 school year. Parents of pupils in Frederic Elementary, as well as other residents who remembered our agreement,

protested. We knew this agreement had been in written form, and we wanted to see consolidation papers. However, to our total amazement and consternation, the consolidation agreement had disappeared from the safe housed in the Crawford AuSable School District office (White House). How can such an important document, which contained transfer of lands, buildings, monies and agreements signed by two school boards disappear or disintegrate from or in a safe? To date, no one has an answer. • Sixth breach of faith - Frederic sixth and seventh graders were transferred to Grayling Middle School which was not in the consolidation agreement. In 1991 the Crawford AuSable School Board passed a resolution stating (among other things) that the Frederic Elementary School shall remain open until there are not enough pupils. Like our school board in the 1960's, they were concerned that Frederic School remain a living entity of learning. • Seventh breach of faith - Superintendent Milli Haug, proposes transfer of all Frederic Elementary students to Grayling Elementary. This, of course, was not in the consolidation agreement. Two years ago Crawford AuSable school officials were cognizant of money shortage. Two years ago the same officials were aware of the declining

enrollment figures. Even though there was awareness of shortage and enrollment change, there was neither a hiring freeze nor cut-backs and this year new positions were filled. This leads me to believe that closing Frederic Elementary School has been considered for at least two years. Our Superintendent of Schools does not recognize any of the agreements or resolutions. Though the consolidation agreements and resolution were explained to her in two Michigan newspapers, she is still proposing that Frederic Elementary School be closed. Like the Constitution of the United States, the consolidation agreement between citizens of Frederic and Grayling is a series of resolutions. Resolutions in the Constitution of the United States have been upheld by the highest court in the land. Resolutions made by the school board members of a small community should not be taken lightly nor ignored. Because to lose your community school is to lose your community's identity, I ask for support of all citizens in the Crawford AuSable School District. Help our Frederic community to keep our school and to preserve our identity. Please urge our School Board members to honor agreements and resolutions created (and accepted by) their predecessors in good faith. To do so is morally and legally correct. Clem Sajdak Frederic

## Frederic contributes plenty of taxes to keep school open

To the editor, I would like to inform everyone that I have found some misleading information that was given out at the January 6, 2003 meeting held at the Frederic Elementary School. We were told since Proposal A passed that the school district only collects money from the voters for the school debt and that was all. That is about half correct. In the tax year 2001 Frederic Township (only) collected \$185,682.47 for the school debt. Crawford AuSable Schools also received an additional \$397,584.96 that went directly to the school for non-homestead tax. This year, to date, Frederic Township has collected for the school debt \$202,560.44 up through January 8, 2003. The school also received to date \$435,691.41 for non-homestead tax. Where is this non-homestead being spent? That is \$638,251.85 from Frederic Township land owners and this year's tax season is not over yet. These figures are from Frederic Township. What is being collected from Grayling Township, the City of Grayling, Maple Forest Township, Lovells Township, South Branch Township, and Beaver Creek Township? This money is in addition to the \$6,700 the school district receives per student from the state. The federal government

also allocates monies for all school districts. All the information I have included in this letter was received by the Freedom of Information Act, collected from the Frederic Township Treasurer. Anyone wishing to have this information, please contact your local township treasurer. Money could be saved by eliminating or combining some of the positions like a curriculum director, food director, a full time athletic director, an assistant band director (why?). These are just a couple of cuts that could be made. Why do the AuSable Primary and the Grayling Elementary need two separate principals and two separate office staffs? Could one principal and one office staff handle the work? There are so many cuts that could be made instead of closing the Frederic Elementary School. Each school could cut \$140,000 out of its budget by either combining jobs and duties or laying some people off. They (school board) could cut even more money out of the budget if they close the "White House" and move the "White House" staff to the Grayling Elementary School where they have open rooms. This would save the heating cost of the "White House." Since the school is already being heated for school, there would be no additional cost to heat. Douglas J. Pratt Frederic Township Taxpayer

## Current class sizes at Frederic no justification

To the editor, As citizens of Crawford County and residents of Frederic, we are distressed about the proposal to close Frederic Elementary School. When the school district was consolidated in the 60s, it was with the agreement Frederic would always have its own elementary school. There is no way a consolidation issue would have ever passed in Frederic without our elementary school. The 1991 School Board passed and signed a resolution promising Frederic Elementary School would remain open after consolidation of the Crawford County schools. However, on January 6, 2003 the current superintendent, Ms. Haug, asserted she is justified in closing the school, stating,

"Frederic Elementary School will remain open as long as the school population in the... attendance area continues to require at least one classroom per grade level." Ms. Haug contends there are not enough children at Frederic to constitute one class per grade level. No one has determined how many children are required before a group of students can be called a class. In fact, many educators believe "one on one" is a perfect learning situation. Current class size is not justification for closing Frederic's elementary school. We believe the current actions and inactions by the administration and the school board are harmful to the district as a whole and especially to the children.

Research shows student achievement in small schools is often superior to achievement in large schools. In addition, a large body of research in the affective and social realms overwhelmingly affirms the superiority of small schools. (Kathleen Cotten, ERIC Digest, December, 1996.) The choices made mirror our image of the society into which children are thrust. What message do students receive when their own community school is no longer considered valuable? Learning and the human spirit are intertwined. (Jim Cummins, educator and author.) Education professionals and experts agree that smaller class sizes, strong principals, and parental involvement are the keys

to successful elementary schools. Though Frederic Elementary School has been denied of late a strong principal, we are proud of the quality of people who support our school, and grateful for small class sizes. We appreciate the overall success of people that are Frederic alumni. Please honor the resolutions made by past school board members, and do not support those who would close Frederic Elementary School. For our part, we will do what we can to ensure our children's potentials are not diminished. We pledge our time and efforts in a volunteer capacity to help keep Frederic Elementary School open. Joan Kaiser, Dianne Thomas Frederic

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# BRIEFS

## Chamber to present annual awards

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Awards Night in conjunction with the January Business After Hours on Thursday, January 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Sponsors for the event are the Grayling Youth Booster Club and Milltown Title and Escrow Company. Awards to be presented are 2002 Citizen of the Year, Silver Lining Award, and the ATHENA Award (sponsored by Scheer Motors). Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Admission is \$5 and the Chamber requests an RSVP by 5 p.m. on January 22. Call 348-2921.

## Card party, luncheon scheduled

The Ladies of St. Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, January 22 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located on Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome for more information, call 348-9169.

## Seniors: get help with tax preparation

AARP representative Bob Knight will be teaching a four-day class, beginning Tuesday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on income tax preparation. Classes will be held at the Crawford County Commission on Aging's (COA) Senior Center on Lawndale in Grayling. Any seniors interested should feel free to attend. For more information, call the Center at 348-7123.

## Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will reopen Tuesday, January 21 for regular business hours.

## K of C to host Free Throw Contest

The Grayling Knights of Columbus will host its annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls, ages 10 to 14 years, on Saturday, January 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School gym. For more information, contact Bill Nielson at 348-4441.

## Sheriff offers snowmobile safety class

Anyone interested in obtaining a snowmobile safety certificate who is 12 years of age or older is invited to attend a snowmobile safety class. The program is being conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at the County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling, on Saturday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class size is limited to the first 40 students to register. Sign up as soon as possible. Participants should bring a bag lunch, including something to drink, and your Social Security number. For more information, or to register, contact Deputy Herman at 344-3565 or Deputy Alexander at 348-4616, ext. 333.

## Three Men and a Tenor to perform

The a cappella quartet, Three Men and a Tenor, will perform on Tuesday, January 21 (please note date change) in the Evergreen Room of the Grayling Holiday Inn, as part of the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program. Three Men and a Tenor offer a family-oriented program with a great mix of harmony and humor, featuring songs from the 1930s through the 1990s. There is something for people of all ages. This is the second event in the Command Performance Series and includes a dinner of either stuffed chicken or prime rib, plus mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 each (including tax and tip) and can be purchased at the Crawford AuSable Schools' Administrative Office, 403 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call 348-7146. This event is funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and by a partnership with local businesses and individuals.

## Rural economic development forums planned this month

State and federal agencies in Michigan have planned four regional economic development forums directed at rural communities.

The forums will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 30 in Alpena and Escanaba, and on January 31 in Harrison and Battle Creek. Rural Partners of Michigan is sponsoring the forums with state and federal agencies presenting information on the economic development resources available to rural communities.

"These forums will include several of Michigan's major state and federal economic development agencies. It will provide a unique opportunity for local officials and economic development strategists to meet with all of these agencies in one place," said Tom Guthrie, chairman of Rural Partners.

The agencies participating in the forums include: the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, and Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems.

The forums will also feature an expert on rural economic issues from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City who will appear via live interactive video broadcast.

The cost to attend one of the forums is \$10, which includes lunch.

For more information about these forums or for registration information, call USDA Rural Development at (517) 324-5204.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

**Grayling Youth Booster Club**  
Week ending January 12 - \$25 each: Betty MacLeod, George Wolfe, Dan Canfield (2) and Chap Gildner.  
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December, 2002 - Mara Hallett, Nancy Wells, Bob Wakeley, Kathy Dobry.  
**Grayling Rotary Pot of Gold**  
Week of January 8 - \$100 - Jacquelin Smith, \$50 - Chet Wheeler, \$25 - Rick Hacker.

## Over 60 expected to race in Sno\*Drift Pro Rally



Rally cars like the one shown here are scheduled to participate in the two-day Sno\*Drift Pro Rally next Friday, January 24 starting in Lewiston. This is the first event in the SCCA's Pro Rally series of events.

"Real cars, on real roads, going real fast" -- that's a quick definition of a SCCA Pro Rally and there is one going to be held next weekend starting in Lewiston.

The Sno\*Drift Pro Rally is the first event in a series scheduled from January through October in the states of Michigan, Maine, Oregon, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Washington.

The January 24-25 rally starts in downtown Lewiston on Friday. Cars will be on display from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cars start leaving the starting line at 3:01 p.m. in one minute intervals; service crews remain behind. Sixty - 70 entries into the road rally are expected.

Drivers and co-drivers, driving modified production automobiles, will return to Lewiston for service twice after flat out racing on local limited access roads, blocked off from all other traffic.

The racers will restart Saturday morning in Atlanta at 8 a.m. and will return to Atlanta for service during the day. The

finish is in Hillman early Saturday evening.

"This is a race run in stages, for high performance, production-based cars with a driver-navigator team, over closed sections of public road, one car at a time, against the clock," described Sno\*Drift Pro Rally Lewiston Liaison Kent Balogh. "They will run six stages on Friday, and 11 on Saturday.

Performance or Stage Rallying (other names for Pro Rally) is the largest spectator motorsport in the world. Millions of people line the roads to watch it worldwide. Major car makers sponsor works teams to contest titles here and abroad in the World Rally Championship.

Designated spectator areas will be set up both days and viewing is free to the public. Teams from all over the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and several European countries will be competing. "It will be exciting to watch," said Balogh.

For more information, log on to [www.sno-drift.org](http://www.sno-drift.org).

## Auditions upcoming for production of 'Stuart Little'

Crosstrails Community Theater will hold auditions for its winter production of "Stuart Little" on Sunday, January 19 at 1 p.m. at Fitch's School of Dance, 224 South Walnut in Kalkaska.

Auditioners, ages eight to 80, should bring a poem, paragraph, or other short item to read for the audition, and be prepared to read a selection from the script, which will be provided by the director.

The play includes more than 27 parts, including key characters and extras. Rehearsals will be held three nights per week until the date of the play. Performances will be held in the Kalkaska High School auditorium on March 21 and 22, and in Mancelona at Concord Academy Antrim Community Arts Auditorium on March 28 and 29.

The production is a collaboration between Crosstrails Community Theater and Antrim Regional Theater. Michael Eddy will direct.

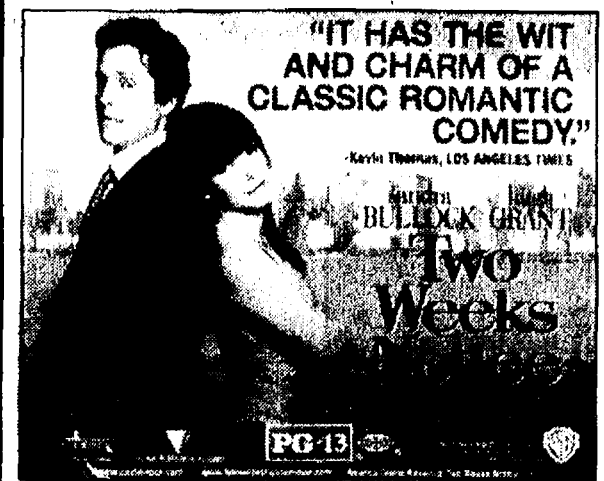
The project is sponsored by Pathways Arts Council/Center of Kalkaska, and funded, in part, by a grant from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and community and corporate contributions.

For more information, call Pathways at (231) 258-8697 or

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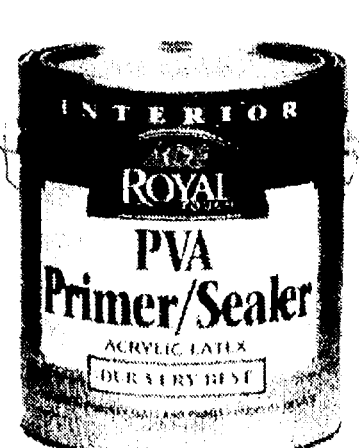
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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Fight for God

As we saw last week, former President Ronald Reagan assumed a personal responsibility for fighting world communism because of his strong faith in God. Again we reference this review to quotes from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer.

First, Reagan did not seek this war. It was forced upon him because of his strong convictions. Schweizer titled the first chapter of his book, One-man Battalion out of respect for Reagan's rise to the battle. The Communist Party had targeted Hollywood since 1935. They had a vision of controlling this greatest medium of communication. They took control of the Screenwriters Guild, the Screen Actors Guild (SAG). Schweizer quoted director Philip Dunne as saying, "All over town the industrious Communist tail wagged the lazy liberal dog." Ronald Reagan and other conservatives resigned from the organization.

Reagan learned the evil of Communism first hand as he was forced to cross their violent picket lines, hire guards to protect his family, and carry a .32 Smith & Wesson for defense. He was branded a "fraud", "opportunist", "anti-Communist stooge" and "Fascist" as he stood fearlessly against them. Gene Kelly nominated Reagan to serve as SAG president in an attempt

to oppose Communist control. Reagan took over the divided group. He also became a secret informant for the FBI to help fight Communism. Rather than having a secret agenda, Reagan pushed for the adoption of a resolution declaring no Communist Party member could be an officer of the Guild.

On September 25, 1947 Reagan was subpoenaed to appear before the Un-American Activities Committee of the U.S. Congress which was conducting hearings on communism in Hollywood. Quentin Reynolds of Collier's wrote of Reagan's testimony, "Intelligent Ronald Reagan stole the show from his better known colleagues. Reagan, it was obvious, had done a great deal of thinking on the subject in question." (In contrast the liberals would try later to label him as a dummy?)

Reagan believed communism thrived only by secrecy, threats, and deceit. Reagan was impressed by the Crusade for Freedom formed in 1950 and supported by the CIA to promote Radio Free Europe. The American Liberty Bell was their symbol, and their slogan was "That this world under God shall have a new birth of freedom." Reagan believed communism was evil and should be confronted head-on. He believed force was the only law the communists understood. He said in 1963 that the communist nations would become "unhinged" if they tried to keep up

with U.S. military superiority. He rejected the ideas of containment, peaceful co-existence, détente, mutual accommodation, and other forms of compromise, believing they would eventually bring an ultimatum from the communists for our surrender. As Reagan said, "I think on our side is civilization and on the other side is the law of the jungle. We all have to recognize that this country has been handed the responsibility, greater than any nation in history, to preserve some 6,000 years of civilization against the barbarians." Now we face new barbarians! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## First stages of Geography Bee completed



**Grayling Middle School Geography Bee top three finishers received certificates and cash prizes. Jacob Aubry finished in first, Ryan Cooper took second, and Brad McDonald earned the third place title.**

In December, all Grayling Middle School students participated in the National Geography Bee in their social studies classes.

Students answered seven questions dealing with national and world geography. The student with the most correct answers in each class advanced to the semi-final round.

During the semi-final round, classroom winners competed to make it into the top 10.

On December 18, 2002, the final competition was held. Ten students were asked to answer such questions as, "Name the major city in Georgia that

was captured and burned to the ground by Union forces under General Sherman in 1864." (Atlanta), and, "The Deccan Plateau makes up much of the peninsula of which country?" (India).

The third place finisher and winner of \$10 was Brad McDonald; second place and winner of \$15 was Ryan Cooper; and the 2002 Grayling Middle School Geography Bee Champion was Jacob Aubry.

Aubry will take a written test in January which, once sent in, will determine his eligibility for advancement to the state round of competition.

### The Prayer That Lasts A Lifetime

No, this does not mean that you will never have to remember to say your prayers again. Prayer should be something we desire to do often...just as we pick up the phone to call a friend. In fact, God is our best friend. The prayer we refer to herein is the "show me how to" prayer, as opposed to the "I want it and I need it now" prayer.

Harold Kushner observed... "People who pray for miracles usually don't get miracles...but people who pray for courage, for strength to bear the unbearable, for the grace to remember what they have left instead of what they have lost, very often find their prayers answered. Their prayers helped them tap hidden reserves of faith and courage that were not available to them."

Of course, miracles do happen. Yet, amidst unspeakable affliction, Job patiently prayed, not for a miracle but, "Teach me and I will be silent; make me understand..." (Job 6:24). God is ready to teach us if we will but listen for His answer. With weekly worship and daily prayer we will gain the courage and wisdom we need for a lifetime.

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## Band students chosen for MSU Honors Band



Photo courtesy of Mary Heinlein

GHS Viking Band members traveled to East Lansing, January 3-5, after being chosen to participate in the Michigan State Honors Band. Participating were, from left, Jason Henning, Kip Franklin, Ken Heinlein, Todd Gaffke and Mallory Olson.

Five Grayling High School (GHS) Band students recently participated in the Michigan State Honors Band held on the Michigan State University (MSU) campus in East Lansing.

The group consisting of Todd Gaffke, Ken Heinlein, Jason Henning, Kip Franklin and Mallory Olson arrived at MSU Friday evening, January 3 and put in a full day's rehearsal on Saturday, held short rehearsals

on Sunday, and were ready for performances late Sunday afternoon, January 5.

To become part of the Honors Band, these students prepared with their GHS directors a taped audition which was mailed to MSU. Only 87 students throughout Michigan were selected from a pool of more than 175 musicians.

The GHS musicians presented a selection of ensembles and an

all-band concert at the Wharton Center in East Lansing.

"They were all fantastic ambassadors for both the Grayling Viking Band and Grayling itself," said GHS Band Director David Gott. "There were many members of this (MSU) honors band that had never heard of Grayling before... I'm sure that our students left a positive impression of our community as a whole."

## Kirtland Theatre to present 'Love Letters'

► Dinner theatre production offered just in time for Valentine's Day

The Theatre Arts Department at Kirtland Community College has recently finished casting the dinner theatre production of "Love Letters" to be performed February 14-16.

This production is intended for a PG-13 audience and will be presented at the Northern Lights Lounge at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake.

The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15, with cash bar cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the evening performances are \$25 per person or a Dinner/Show/Standard Room package for two at \$109.95.

Then on Sunday, February 16, there will be a luncheon performance at 12 noon, with the show

at 1 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon show are \$19.95 per person.

"Love Letters" will feature Jerry Weple of Roscommon as "Andrew Makepeace Ladd III" and Carole Phillips of Grayling as "Melissa Gardner." The story revolves around several decades of love letters shared between these two people from their

youth until their old age. The cast will be supported by Stage Manager Angela Martz of Comins, Technical Director Jeani Vermillion of West Branch, and Director Gary Carton of Roscommon.

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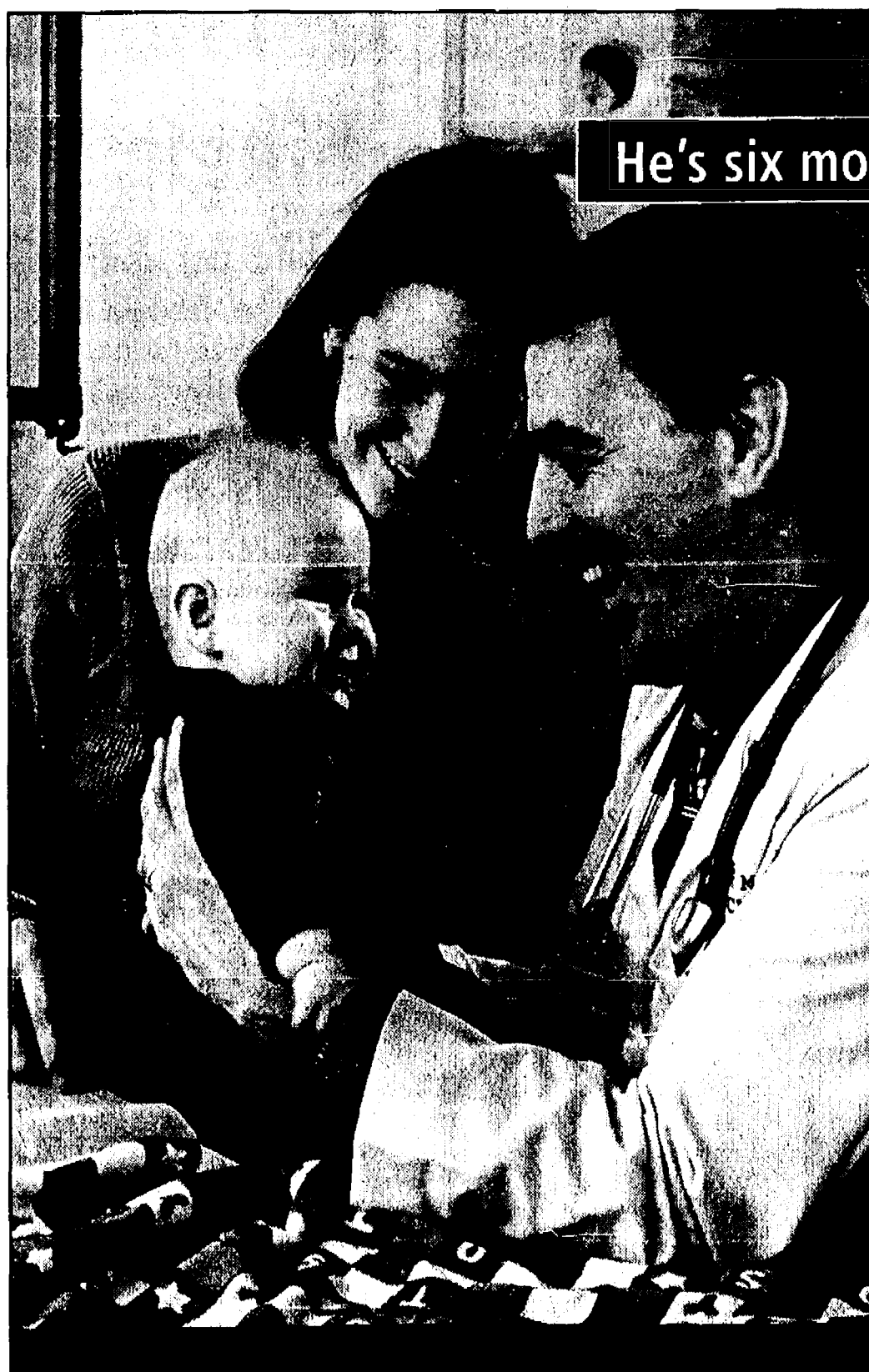
## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 93 complaints the week of January 6-12:

Twenty-six traffic accidents, 15 non-traffic accidents, one traffic policing, one traffic safety public appearance, two accidents - all other, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, 11 general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, three larceny;

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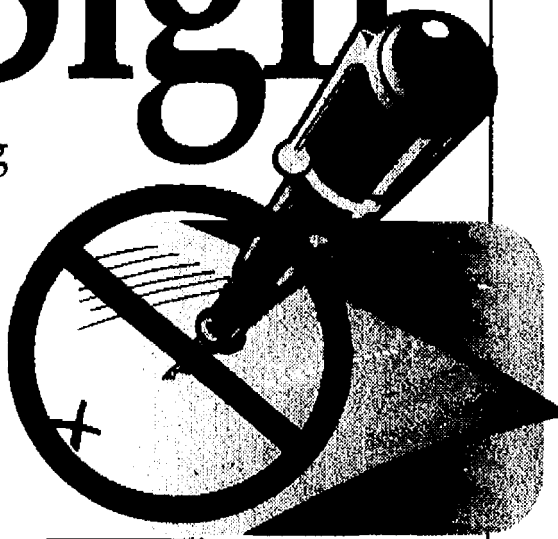
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## District faces tough choices

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Reductions in staff will be accomplished primarily by attrition -- not replacing all who retire or resign.

Other options include closing the administration building, closing Frederic Elementary, changing/cutting transportation, cutting extracurriculars, cutting academic programs, and/or delaying equipment replacement.

Superintendent Milli Haug has already met with concerned citizens in Frederic to discuss the possible closing of Frederic Elementary for at least one year. At the January 6 meeting she said there were no easy cuts and, no matter what the board decided, it would be a painful procedure.

Several people at the meeting mentioned a resolution signed in 1991 by the school board for the purpose of setting criteria for keeping the school open. The resolution, follows in its entirety (except for signatures):

Crawford AuSable School

District Resolution  
August 19, 1991

Frederic Elementary School  
WHEREAS: Concern has been expressed within the Frederic Community regarding the fate of the Frederic Elementary School should the September 25 bond issue for an additional elementary school in Grayling pass and;  
WHEREAS: The district did close the Frederic Elementary School during a financial crisis for the 1981-82 school year and;  
WHEREAS: There is a belief within the Frederic Community that should the above mentioned reduction take place and enrollments decline, the district will close the Frederic Elementary to save money and;  
WHEREAS: The small cost savings resulting from closing the Frederic Elementary would be offset by increases in busing costs and negative feelings with the Frederic Community and'

WHEREAS: Several improvements to the Frederic Elementary will be funded by the bond issue including a new roof over the older section, energy efficiency improvements, open classroom enclosures, and playground and parking improvements and;  
WHEREAS: The Frederic Elementary School is an important source of community identity and pride within that community.  
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Frederic Elementary School will remain open as long as the school age population in the Frederic Elementary attendance area continues to require at least one classroom per grade level and;  
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education pledges continuation of excellent educational programming at the Frederic Elementary School.



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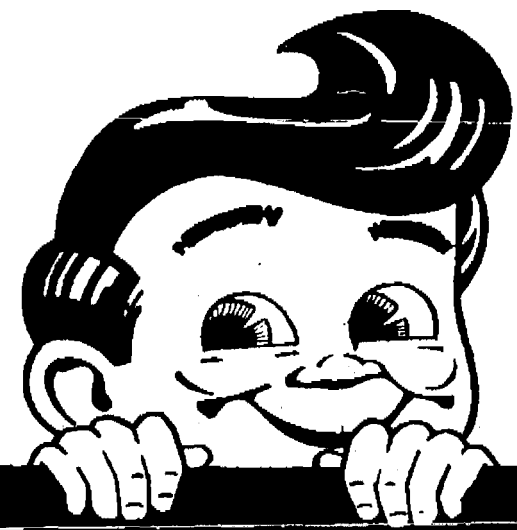
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# Kids ask: What in the world should I do?

Students in the Phoenix Program at Grayling Middle School have spent the last six weeks learning about careers and job choices. Students took an "interest inventory," matching their hobbies and interests with jobs.

The students then researched careers and wrote essays on their fields of choice.

Part of the unit involved three job shadowing Fridays. Each of the ten students in the program were assigned a different job site to visit for the morning. Students returned to school to write thank-you cards and to write about their experiences.

"It's fun," said Keith Revord. "I learned a lot about jobs that I didn't know." Brandon Piehl added, "It was cool. You get to learn more about working at a place than you would just walking in there every day. You got to see what you would like or not like about a job."

The Phoenix students said they appreciate all the businesses and people who spent time with them and answered their many questions. Those who helped out included The Cottage, Grayling Car Care, Grayling Hospital for Animals, WGRY, Radio, Glen's Family Market, Milltown Groomers, Camp Grayling/ MATES, Grayling Restaurant, Grayling Auto Repair, Flo Lucksted at AuSable Primary School, Dawn Feldhauser at Grayling Elementary School, Rich Moffitt and Becky Brown at Grayling High School, AuSable Day Care, and Deputy Randy Herman.

The students will continue to work on job skills as they write personal resumés, fill out job applications, practice interview skills, learn about budgeting an income, and taxes.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Middle School Phoenix Program

Grayling Hospital for Animals' Jamie McGuire shows a Phoenix Program student some of the aspects of her job as a veterinary assistant. Fringe benefits include many warm, fuzzy and friendly encounters with local pets.



Another Phoenix student got a taste of the world of radio broadcasting with a trip to local station WGRY.

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## Pet grooming business has new owner

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Darlene's Milltown Groomer, Inc. opened for business recently when Darlene Kopko purchased Milltown Groomer from Ward Parker. Parker wanted to sell the business to Kopko because of the love and empathy Kopko shows for animals. Kopko said she feels very lucky to work with pets and makes sure each animal is given a lot of tender loving care, in fact she says she likes to treat them like babies.

Kopko said it is best that the first grooming experience occurs when the pet is around 10 to 12 weeks old. Grooming should be done on a regular basis, every six to eight weeks depending on the length of the coat. Kopko offers bathing, brushing, nail cuts, flea

baths and a variety of cuts for the coat whether just a trim to shorten hair for the summer or show cuts.

Kopko currently has two groomers and plans to add a third in the spring. She also plans to have pet accessories available and to offer several specials to customers.

Darlene's Milltown Groomer's Inc. is located west of town at 6405 M-72 and is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Typically it takes two to four hours for grooming and several owners drop off their pets on the way to work or shopping and pick them up at the end of the day. For more information call 348-4104.



Harley is pretty laid back about being groomed by Chris DeHart, as Darlene Kopko and Gregory Davis watch.

## Vanity plates can now be confirmed online

► Motorists can create personalized plates, find out if choice is available

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced January 10 the Department of State's latest customer service, "Plate It Your Way," will allow motorists to check the availability of a personalized license plate at the department's web site: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

"Vanity plates have grown in

popularity over the years, and hardly a day goes by that a customer isn't in a branch office ordering a personalized plate," Secretary Land said. "Too often, a customer is disappointed to find their first choice is taken, and then the burden is on them to come up with a second or third selection while they are standing at the counter.

"It's a process that can be frustrating for the customer and time consuming for the branch office staff. Now customers can spend time reviewing options on the Internet and get a preview of how

the personalized plate will look when it arrives in the mail."

The state's Chief Motor Vehicle Administrator explained the new online program allows customers to select the type of plate they want, such as the traditional blue and white plate, the Great Lakes Splendor plate, university fundraising license plate, or one of the seven fundraising plates that generate revenue for special causes.

Customers then enter the word, phrase, letters or numbers to appear on the plate they have selected. If the configuration is not available, they will be directed to try another one.

Once a personalized plate is identified as available, fee information is provided, allowing customers to go to a Secretary of State branch office to place their order. While the program does not allow plates to be ordered or reserved online, it makes it easy for customers to preview a variety of options when choosing a plate.

The personalized license plate program is the latest customer service option offered by the Secretary of State's Office, which has been a leader in state government online services in Michigan.

The Secretary of State's Office was the first to make it possible for Michigan residents to do business with state government online, with renewal of license plates. Since that time, the web site has offered a variety of services including the organ donor registry enrollment program and access to a variety of records including campaign finance records of statewide candidates.

Funds from personalized license plate sales are dedicated to highway beautification and cleanup. In the 2002 fiscal year, the department collected \$3,138,153 in personalized license plate fees.

As of November 2002, there were 163,053 personalized license plate registrations on file with the Secretary of State.

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# Hospital offers 24-hour call center

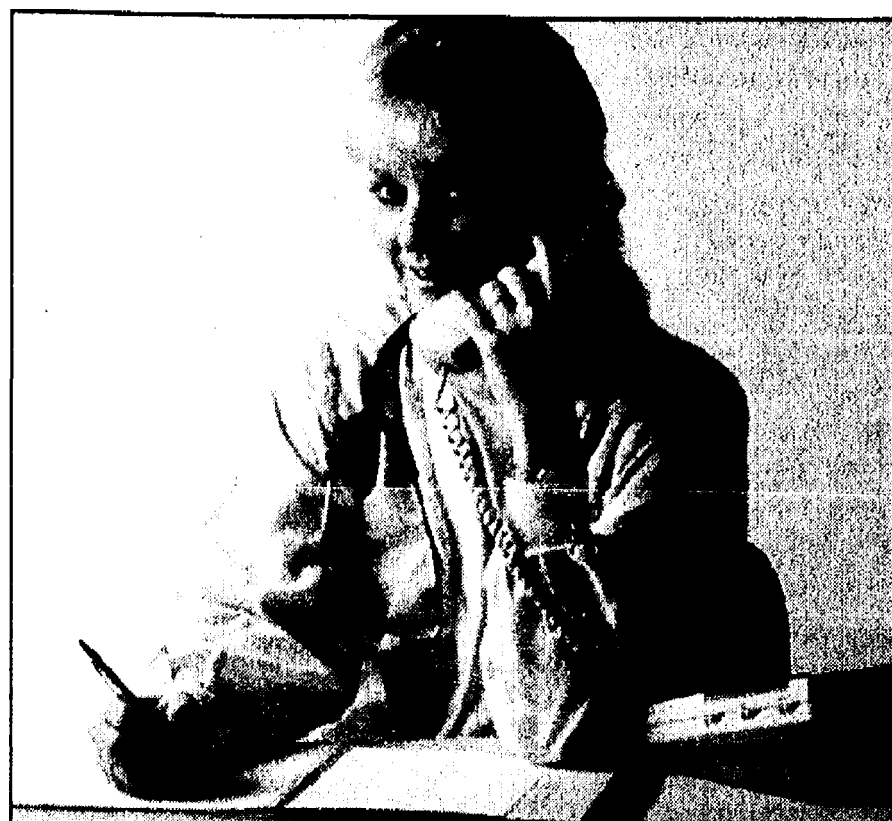
Identifying the right point of service for your health condition is easier with Otsego Memorial Health Resource, a nurse call center program launched this month by Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"We are so pleased to be offering this 24-hour telephone nursing service for the first time," said Suzanne Cleere, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services for Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"Injury or illness doesn't stop just because it's the evening or weekend and through this service we will be able to provide community members the professional guidance they need for the peace of mind they seek."

Otsego Memorial Hospital has engaged The Beryl Companies to provide outsourced telephone nurse triage services for the residents of Otsego, Montmorency and surrounding counties. Beryl is the nation's leading health-care-exclusive customer interaction company.

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**Otsego Memorial Hospital has answered the demands of its communities and recently launched a 24-hour call center to answer non-emergency questions.**

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"If you're having chest pain, there's no question you need to get to the nearest Emergency Department," Cleere said. "But often the situation is not so clear. For those times when you are just not certain, the staff of experienced nurses at Otsego Memorial Health Resource will assist in directing the patient to the most appropriate point of care."

"Health Resource is the result of an initiative in our strategic plan to improve services for the entire service area," said Thomas R. Lemon, Chief Executive Officer at Otsego Memorial Hospital. "The community has indicated a desire for this service, and we're proud to be able to offer it along with our family of healthcare services provided by the Hospital, MedCare, Shared Care and McReynolds Hall."

Otsego Memorial Health Resource can be accessed 24 hours a day by dialing a toll-free number, 866-OMHEALTH (or 866-664-4325).

There is no charge to callers for this service.

## Basics of customer service, true stories included in new manual

Have you ever been a victim of poor customer service? If you were, then you won't have a hard time relating to the stories in *Back to the Basics: Just Give Customers What They Want!*, a collection of true stories and customer service manual by author and lawyer, Clare Evans Miller.

Every day, many people have to endure rudeness and incompetence in stores, salons, barber shops, private and public offices, restaurants, and repair shops -- practically everywhere. *Back to the Basics* addresses this serious issue, and seeks to enlighten employers and employees by exposing the downside of poor service.

In her book, Miller compiles stories that exemplify many customer service "atrocities." Using

this as a springboard, she then highlights the service-related problems that many employers face, and provides helpful tips in solving and preventing them.

Reading *Back to the Basics* will surely make the readers stop for a while and think: "Why do I have to endure this crap from these companies when, in fact, I'm the one who's paying them?" Insightful and informative, *Back to the Basics* serves as a wake up call for many business establishments that seem to have forgotten the value of customer service.

In an excerpt, Miller writes, "Poor quality is pervasive, irrespective of where the businesses are located and regardless of the race, ethnicity, or gender of those providing the service. The issue of poor quality service has to be

addressed, and someone has to initiate the discussion. Yes, *Back to the Basics* had to be written."

Author Clare Evans Miller has been involved in hundreds of business reorganizations, for the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the United States Trustee. As a business consultant, Miller has conducted training seminars for colleges and companies in the areas of customer service and career development.

She holds a Law Degree from Wayne State University School

of Law, a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University. Currently, Miller is the General Counsel and Director of Evans, Miller & Associates, LLC, a firm engaged in training employees to provide good quality customer service. She resides with her husband and son in a small city near Detroit.

*Back to the Basics: Just Give Customers What They Want!* is available through 1st Books Library at [www.1stbooks.com](http://www.1stbooks.com).

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A graduate of Nova-Southeastern University in Davies, FL, Dr. Yacisen completed his internship and residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, MI. He completed his fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, MA.

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# Love of animals evident in artist's works

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several times which allows her to make a composite drawing in pencil. Once she has the animals sketched to her satisfaction, she starts working on the background which must meet the requirements of the animal and be at the appropriate time of the year for the coloration of the animals.

Because of her skill and attention to detail, her paintings have been selected to be Duck Stamps for the Michigan hunting license.

Recently she was the featured artist at the Chippewa Nature

Center in Midland. Diment's painting can be seen at Northwoods Galleries in Lewiston and Atlanta. Some of them can also be viewed at her web site [www.oweb.com/upnorth/kindiment](http://www.oweb.com/upnorth/kindiment).

Diment said she misses teaching and would like to give private lessons to small groups of interested people.

She has also recently broadened her artistic scope by adding sculpture to her repertoire.

For more information, call 344-1843.



"To Bee or Not To Bee" shows an African bee catcher bird eyeing a possible meal.



"Three's Company" is a work in progress.



Diment calls this painting "Morning Goslings."



This picture of a cheetah in the rainy African country is titled "Storm Watch."



This painting is titled "White Flag at Sunset."

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West Branch, MI - In recent history, FORD has offered incredible incentives to consumers during post 9/11 marketing blitz. The bold move, on the part of FORD has spawned a huge increase in new car and truck sales. The influx of fresh trades resulting from all the new car sales has flooded the used car lot at Dean Arbour Ford, making it necessary to continue with their innovative marketing approach of guaranteeing a minimum of \$5000 for trade or \$2000 over Blue Book Trade.

When asked owner Matt Arbour said, "We started offering a minimum of \$5000 or \$2000 over Blue Book for trades on pre-owned to balance FORD's robust financing programs for new vehicles. We have found that FORD's Incentive programs are still bringing an incredible amount of trades to our dealership. We will continue with our promise to give consumers \$5000 for any trade towards the purchase on one of our pre-owned vehicles."

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Sales Director, Tim Slachta. Slachta adds, "The Zero Percent Financing Program attracted new car buyers who were not necessarily ready to get into a new vehicle demanded by the age and mileage of their current vehicle. This has brought us many late model, low mileage trades in pristine condition."

Matt Arbour adds, "Now is the best time to buy a pre-owned vehicle. An unprecedented increase lease returns has flooded the nation's used car market. This has promoted lower prices on popular vehicles."

"You can be sure we are passing those lower prices on to you!" added Tim Slachta.

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"We have included every vehicle in our inventory. Recently I've heard other Dealer Guaranteed Trade Offers but they are limited to vehicles in their showroom or their select vehicles, telling me the offer is on unpopular models and hard-to-sell vehicles. Every customer can be assured they will get the minimum \$5000 or \$2000 over Kelly Blue Book for their trade towards the purchase of any used vehicle."

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"No matter what the condition of your vehicle, push it, pull it or have it towed onto our lot and we will guarantee a minimum \$5000 trade allowance. We can't combine this offer with any other advertised offer, and please, only one trade per deal," said Arbour.

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## Snowmobilers find lake ice too weak, too late

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water of Houghton Lake's North Bay when they encountered soft ice which gave way to open water near the outlet of the Muskegon River.

It was estimated the snowmobilers were approximately 100 feet from shore at the time the ice cover gave way. The sixth snow-

mobiler was able to stop in time after witnessing the plight of his five companions. He was apparently then able to help pull them back onto the ice and out of about five feet of water.

The five snowmobiles were to be recovered by a Houghton Lake snowmobile dealer.

Then late Sunday night, just before 11 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the north shore of the lake where two snowmobilers were reported to have gone through the ice.

According to the State Police, three men were traveling north across Houghton Lake's frozen surface when they came unexpectedly upon thin ice and open water.

One of the snowmobilers was able to accelerate across the open water to safety and continued on shore to call 911. Rescue personnel from Lake, Lyon, and Roscommon Townships were first on the scene and began a search with tethered rescuers and aluminum boats.

Officers from the Houghton Lake Post in a hovercraft and officers from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office using an airboat were on Houghton Lake searching for the missing men within 30 minutes of the original call. One of the men's helmets was recovered near the East End of the open water area.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter was requested, but was unable to

respond due to severe winter weather conditions coming in over Lake Michigan. Unfortunately, the search had to be called off for the night around 1:30 a.m. Monday morning.

The Michigan State Police Dive Team and the Roscommon County Sheriff's Dive Team have been working as conditions permit to recover the two victims, brothers Jody and Dave Sperry, ages 27 and 24 respectively, of Houghton Lake.

As of press time late Tuesday afternoon, the State Police report rescue divers have only two to three feet of visibility, making the recovery of the two men extremely difficult. Sonar equipment is also being used to locate the victims.

Michigan State Police Sgt Kenneth Holmes said snowmobilers and others traveling over frozen lake surfaces, even on foot, need to be reminded of the inherently unpredictable condition of the state's frozen waters. "Firsthand knowledge of the area to be traveled and its condition is a must," Holmes advised.

Additionally, excessive speed cuts into the reaction time that a snowmobile or ORV operator has to respond to those potential hazards, he explained. "And as always, alcohol and narcotics do not mix with any type of snowmobile or ORV operation."

Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryll Ruley contributed to this article.

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## OBITUARIES

### Shirley Mary Zimmerman

Aug. 31, 1932 - Dec. 30, 2002  
Shirley Mary Zimmerman, age 70, of Luzerne, died December 30 at her home.

She was born on August 31, 1932 in Bay County to Theron and Selma (Sawatzki) Pegg Barcia.

Shirley was married to Joseph W. Zimmerman on June 26, 1950, in Bay City.

Mrs. Zimmerman was employed as a bank clerk for over 20 years, and was retired from People's National Bank in Bay City in 1978. She was a homemaker and mother. She loved reading, embroidery and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Edith (Barcia) Pake; brother, Theron "Sonny" Barcia; infant daughter, Alice and son, Joseph, Jr.

Surviving Shirley is her husband, Joe of Luzerne; one son, Clarence "Kayo" (Marie) Zimmerman of Bay City; one daughter, April (Philip) Weiler of Roscommon; daughter-in-law Theresa Zimmerman - Bolick of Middleburg, FL; 10 grandchildren, five great grandchildren; one sister, Clara Miller of Mikado, and one brother, Charles (Helen) Barcia of Bay City.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Lewis Konvicka

June 10, 1909 - Dec. 30, 2002

Lewis Konvicka, age 93, of Beaver Creek Township, died Monday, December 30 at Hilltop Manor, Roscommon. He was born on June 10, 1909 in Uosovice, Moravia to Jan and Marie Konvicka.

Lewis was married to Laura Elizabeth Fenlon on June 28, 1952.

Mr. Konvicka lived in Crawford County since 1915. He worked for the DNR for the State of Michigan in various capacities from 1929 until his retirement in June, 1971. He served his country as a SeaBee in the U.S. Navy 109th Construction Battalion in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura; and his parents, Jan and Marie Konvicka.

Surviving Lewis are his two daughters, Betty Richards of Canton and Judy (David) Todd of Atlanta, GA; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Michael Richards and James and Stephen Todd.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 2, at Sorenson Funeral Home, with Reverend Steven Thiel and Chaplain Art Thayer officiating. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### William A. Callahan

January 8, 2003

William A. Callahan, age 91, of Grayling died January 8.

Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on January 11. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Peggy C. (Polonis) Griffin

January 10, 2003

Peggy C. Griffin, age 90, of Grayling died January 10.

Services will be held at a later date.

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### Reverend William H. Fraser

Jan. 15, 1910 - Jan. 10, 2003

Reverend William H. Fraser, age 92 of Grayling, died Friday, January 10 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. He was born on January 15, 1910 in Carbon Run, Pennsylvania to James and Eva (Jones) Fraser.

Reverend Fraser was married to the former Genevieve Collison on February 10, 1934 in Marquette. They were happily married for 68 years.

William, a resident of Grayling since 1972, was a retired United Methodist minister. He was a member of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. William

was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.). He also served as Chaplain of the National C.C.C. organization. He was chairman for the C.C.C. Statue Program, having placed 19 statues in various locations in the United States. He was an avid fly fisherman and hunter. Reverend Fraser was "senior citizen" of the year for the State of Michigan. He wrote a book entitled *Reason for Being*, ghost written by close friend, Arthur Kerle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Eva Fraser; and one brother, Roy Fraser.

Surviving William is his wife, Genevieve; three daughters, Patricia (John) Lundy of Oswego, IL, Joyce (Phil) Davidson of Willis, and Sandy (Larry) Davidson of Saline; one son, Ronald (Nora) Fraser of Bay City; nine grandchildren, John "J.T." (Renee) Lundy of Naperville, IL, Scot (Karla) Lundy of Montgomery, IL, Lorraine (Jim) Hemmeyer-VanCopponole of Ann Arbor, Vincent Hemmeyer of Worcester, MA, Angela Hemmeyer of Austin, TX, Dustin and Beau Davidson of Saline, Leslie (Eric) Day of Grand Rapids, Shane Fraser of Littleton, CO; seven great-grandchildren, Calvin Lundy, Cooper Lundy, Colin Lundy, Curtis Day, Jacob Day, Patrick Day, Thomas Day; one brother, Howard (Jean) Fraser of Athens, GA.

Services were held on January 13 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Reverend Jeffrey Jagers and Reverend Jeff Regan officiated. Dr. Dale Herder was guest speaker.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### John Earl Godbey

January 8, 2003

John Earl Godbey, age 75, of Grayling died January 8.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dobies Funeral Home in Hudson, Florida.

Arrangements by Thomas B. Dobies Funeral Home, Hudson, Florida.

### James Frederick Roland

January 1, 2003

James Frederick Roland, age 65, of Grayling died January 1.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

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January:

16 - Glazed Ham/Steak & Tomato Stew; Lucky Seven bus leaves at 10 a.m., adult ed. class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

17 - Chicken & Biscuits/no dinner; Lovell's Satellite at 12 noon; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m., and Smorgasbord dinner from 4 to 7 p.m.

19 - Pancake Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

20 - Meatloaf/Pork Stew; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; COA Meeting of the Whole at 3 p.m.; COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Maryland Chicken/Italian Round Steak; Speaker on Amigo Mobility at 12:15 p.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

22 - Beef Stew & Biscuits/Hamburg & Cheese Noodles; 10 & 11 a.m. Exercise & Line Dancing, Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Craft Class at 1 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: The Senior Center is here for all seniors in Crawford County.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 15 - 21 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard on the following date:

January 15 - 16

January 21

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset.

Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Guests at the Ann Hamlin home for Christmas Eve were Richard and Margie Smith, Mark and Mary Smith and boys Shawn and Eric, Curt and Robyn Utterbach and boys, Cody and Colton, all of Mt. Pleasant. Kent and Melissa Catton and daughter Kirstyn of Midland, Jim and Janice Smith and boys Parker & Hunter of St. Louis, Heather Smith of Utica, Scott and Shelly Hamlin and boys Aaron, Adam, Austin and Andy of Brutus, Dean and Lori Smith and girls

Hannah and Elle, Norberta Sawyer, Paul and Beth Hamlin and children Colin, Ann and Jo, Bob and Evie Stephan, James Jones, Jordan Shivonn and Jacob, grandchildren of the Mark Smiths.

Paul and Beth Hamlin and children were at Beth's grandparents the Reichenbach's of Pandora, Ohio.

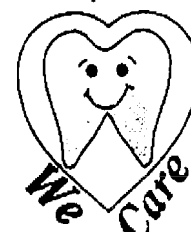
Jim and Claudia LaRoy (Jones) of Kinard, Florida were also there over the Christmas holidays.

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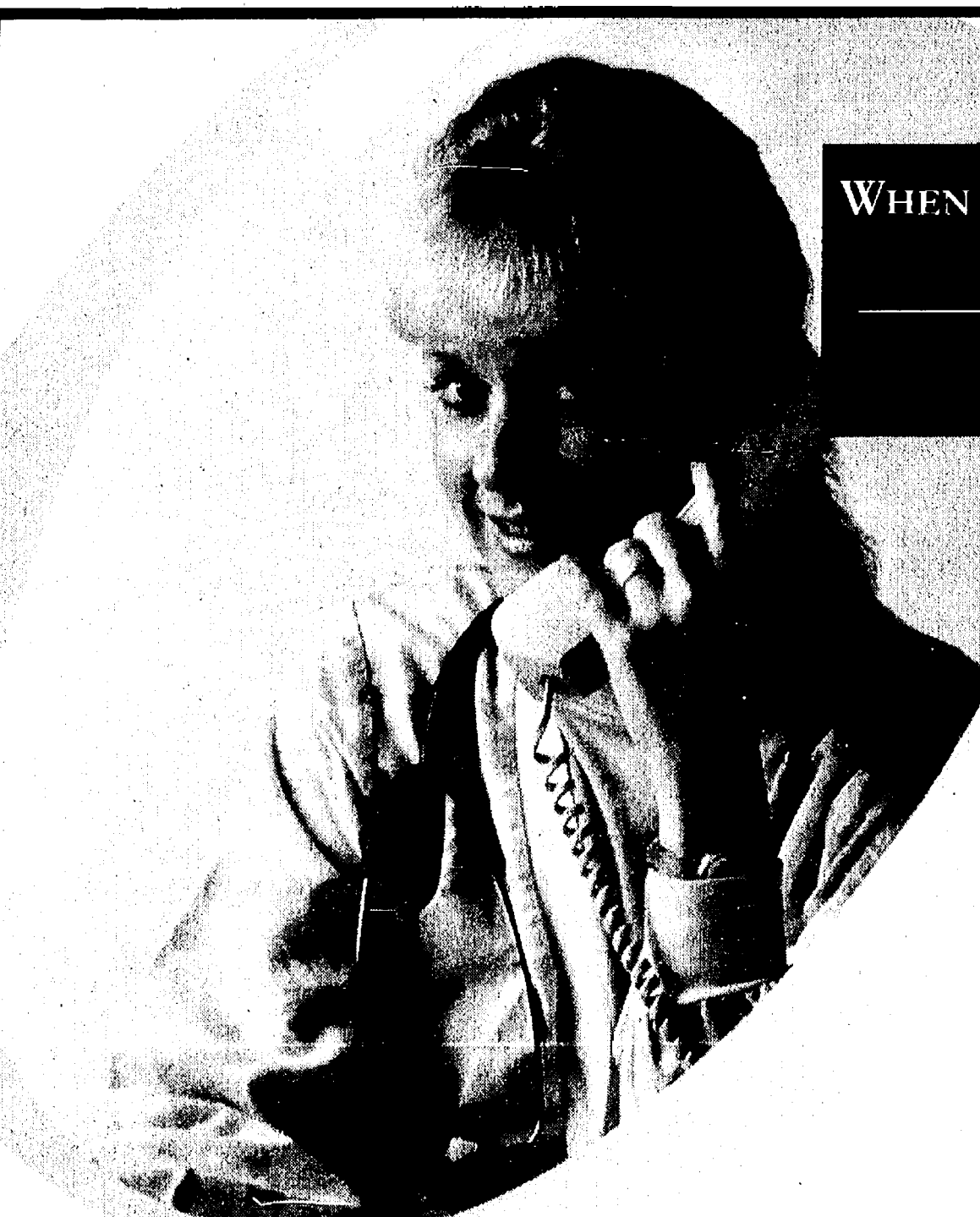
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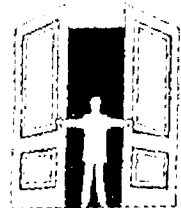
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	M - T	12 - 3:30 pm	Barrow	
ABE/GED	W - R	8 - 11:30 am	Brunette	
	W - R	12 - 3:30 pm	Brunette	
ABE/GED	W - R	6 - 9:30 pm	Bonkowski	
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	M - T	1 - 4:50 pm	Brunette	
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	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow	
ALT. ED./EST.	F	1 - 4:00 pm	Brunette	

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This eight (8) week course is a continuation of last semester's class. It is for adults who have some experience, but would like to learn advanced techniques. The instructor has over 40 years experience in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows.

Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, room 107

Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Homrich

Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu.

Fun is number one in this laid back atmosphere, where games and diverse activities enhance the topic covered! Sanchin-Ryu builds self-confidence, coordination, communication, and leadership skills through the study of a true art form. Wear loose clothes and bring your SMILE! Parents are strongly urged to attend.

### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Woman

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Homrich

An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that the size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

### Computers

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Terry Snyder

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: January 27, 2003

Length of Class: 2 weeks

Day of Class: Monday

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$50.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Marge Schreiner

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse!?) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers

### Digital Camera

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 6 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab

Cost: \$50.00

Instructor: John Lasby

Did you just receive a digital camera as a gift? This course will help you understand the concepts of digital cameras. You will learn how to edit, scan, manipulate and print photos.

## CCC Museum hosts snowshoeing event

As the mercury plunges, it's all too easy to shut out the cold, grab a blanket, and snuggle into couch potato heaven. But then you would be missing the magnificent spectacle of nature in winter.

For those bold enough to bundle up and strap on snowshoes, adventure beckons: Hardy wintering birds rouse themselves from their roosts and call raucously to their companions. A hazy noon-time sun reveals a coyote loping along a snowy hillside, searching among the brush for a mousy meal. And then there is the sacred magic of standing utterly alone in the world and watching as downy flakes start to fall.

Winter was made for outdoor fun: No crowds, no oppressive heat, or bugs. And there's no better way to experience wild winter firsthand than on snowshoes. New, high-tech, lightweight aluminum snowshoes can take you places where summer walkers never tread. While dense undergrowth may block footfalls in other seasons, deep fluffy drifts welcome explorers into private glades.

Snowshoes give almost total winter freedom. They allow trekkers to penetrate pristine wilderness, or for families to take short jaunts through meadows close to home.

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tioning to anyone who wants to step up the pace, or they can provide the means for an easy meditative nature walk.

Still, the challenges of winter travel can often intimidate beginners. But now there's a unique local opportunity to join the experts and learn how to safely enjoy the wintry wilds without exceeding your comfort levels.

A Winter Trails Day event will be held at the CCC Museum, across from North Higgins Lake State Park near Roscommon on January 18 and it's the perfect opportunity to try out snowshoeing.

"The day will include guided hikes through the tree plantation and snowshoeing activities, seminars and demos that will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.," said Ben Carr, a representative of event sponsors, Quiet Sports Outfitters and the Michigan Snowshoe Center.

"Winter Trails Day is the largest snowshoeing event of the winter here in Michigan. So, whether you bring your own snowshoes or come to try out the many demonstration models we will have on hand, we know people will find the day to be enjoyable and fulfilling."

This event is just one of 11 snowshoeing events organized by the American Hiking Society

(AHS) and Snowlink.com and open to the public as part of its 7th Annual Winter Trails Day program.

"People too often think of hiking as a summertime happening," said AHS President, Mary Margaret Sloan. "Winter Trails Day invites people outdoors at a time when they might not otherwise go, to experience snowshoeing, a sport that is growing more popular each year."

Even though snowshoeing is easy to learn, it can still seem intimidating to first-timers," said Sloan. "Winter Trails Day teams up beginners with experienced teachers who can help them make smart equipment choices and to learn basic techniques."

Winter Trails Day participants will quickly find that snowshoeing comes about as naturally as walking. In just a few short steps you'll understand why this is one of the fastest-growing winter sports.

Learn more about the Winter Trails Day event at the CCC Museum on Saturday, January 18 by calling Ben or Pam Carr toll-free at 1-866-275-0300, e-mailing them at snow@snowshoecenter.com, or by logging on to www.snowshoe-center.com or www.wintertrails.org.

## Cowboy music of 30s-40s to be performed at KCPA

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) Director, Gary Carton, says everyone can use a little cowboy music. He invites the public to come and "yippi-yi your troubles away with "Cowboy Envy" next Saturday, January 25.

Cowboy Envy, in the tradition of the original singing cowboy, performs Western Music from the thirties and forties. Drawing upon the repertoires of such artists as Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and others, each member of Cowboy Envy brings a variety of influence to the presentation of this music.

The members are Berne' "Frenchy" Pollakoff on lead vocals, whip cracks and stam-pedes; DeDe "Too Short" Vogt on vocals, bass, harmonica, and mandolin; Kathleen "Buffalo K" Hatfield on vocals and guitar. They may be joined by "Ropin'" Roger French on accordion.

"Their voices blend as beauti-

fully as the Andrews Sisters, but their sound is bolstered by a strong strumming guitar and bass, punctuated by a healthy dose of rollicking abandon and humor," Carton said. "Cowboy Envy combines quality musicianship with spirited tails of the West and unbridles that cowboy fascination that lives in all of us."

One performance of Cowboy Envy is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at the KCPA at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$18 (A), \$16 (B), \$14 (C), family of five: \$35 (B) or \$32.50 (C).

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or order tickets on-line at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

## Smorgasbord will benefit Meals-On-Wheels

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's (COA) Senior Center will host a Smorgasbord this Friday to benefit the local Meals-On-Wheels program.

Meals-On-Wheels is a home-delivered meal program staffed by volunteers. Recipients are seniors and other special needs adults in Crawford County who are unable to prepare meals for themselves. Each receives nutritious and balanced hot meals five days and frozen meals are offered for the weekend.

"Our goal is to help seniors continue to be able to live independently in their own homes with dignity and status," said COA Director Nova Anderson.

"With all the programs that are offered at the COA, we are hoping to prevent seniors from going into a nursing home," Anderson added. "Keeping seniors at home not only saves money for the seniors and their families, but

also the federal and state government Medicare and Medicaid dollars."

To help pay for the program, the COA is offering a smorgasbord of barbecued chicken, meatballs and ham plus side dishes and dessert on Friday, January 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 for seniors over 60 years of age and children; \$5 for non-seniors.

"We invite everyone to come to the smorgasbord and help us to help the seniors of Crawford County," said Anderson.

For more information, call the Senior Center, located on Lawndale in Grayling, at 348-7123.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 54 complaints during the week of January 5 - 11:

Two property damage accidents, two motorist assist, six larceny, two juvenile, five assist other departments, two civil, one alarm, three suspicious situations, two disturbing the peace, 16 unclassified, one breaking and entering, one drunk driving, one animal control, five city ordinances, one criminal sexual conduct, and four traffic warnings issued.

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## GHS ski teams win in league opener

► Girls, boys teams both defeat Roscommon and Saginaw Valley

In the first Central Alpine Ski League meet of the year – hosted by Roscommon at Treetops on Thursday, January 9 – Grayling High School's ski teams defeated Roscommon and Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

In the girls team competition, the Vikings scored a 31, Roscommon had 43, and Saginaw finished with 113. (Lowest score wins.)

The Vikings were led by Mallory Olson, who placed 1st in the slalom event and 3rd in the giant slalom (GS) for a total of four team points. Heather Vandecar took 1st in GS and 6th in slalom despite missing a gate and having to stop on her first run. Kassie McClain put four solid runs down the hill, placing 4th in slalom and 8th in GS.

Andria Alvarez and Jill Seager placed fourth on the team with 14 team points each. Alvarez was 12th in slalom after leading the first run. A fall in her second run cost her a top spot. She was 2nd in GS. Seager, a freshman, "may have been a bit nervous in her first varsity meet and fell in the first run of slalom, but then put three very good

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See "GHS SKI TEAMS..."

## 9th graders win 5th straight game

► Vikings defeat Standish Sterling 72-36 to stay unbeaten at 5-0

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS freshman boys basketball team improved its season record to 5-0 with a lopsided victory over the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central last Thursday in Grayling. The Vikings won by a final score of 72-36.

GHS got off to a slow start. The Vikings edged Standish 12-11 in the first quarter, scoring 12 on a jumper by Zac Baker, a drive by Reagan Schmidt, a lay-up by Baker, a put-back by Schmidt, and a lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser.

The Vikings were plagued by turnovers in the first quarter and early in the second. A couple minutes into the second period, Grayling got its offense in gear and started creating turnovers on defense. The Vikings turned Standish turnovers into points, and ran their lead up to 39-21 by halftime.

Grayling's 27 points in the second quarter included a 7-0 run and a devastating 14-0 unanswered streak. Eli VanNuck had 12 points in the period, Schmidt had eight, Dean scored on a lay-up and a jumper, Baker had two points with a shot inside, and J.C. Schneider added one on a free throw.

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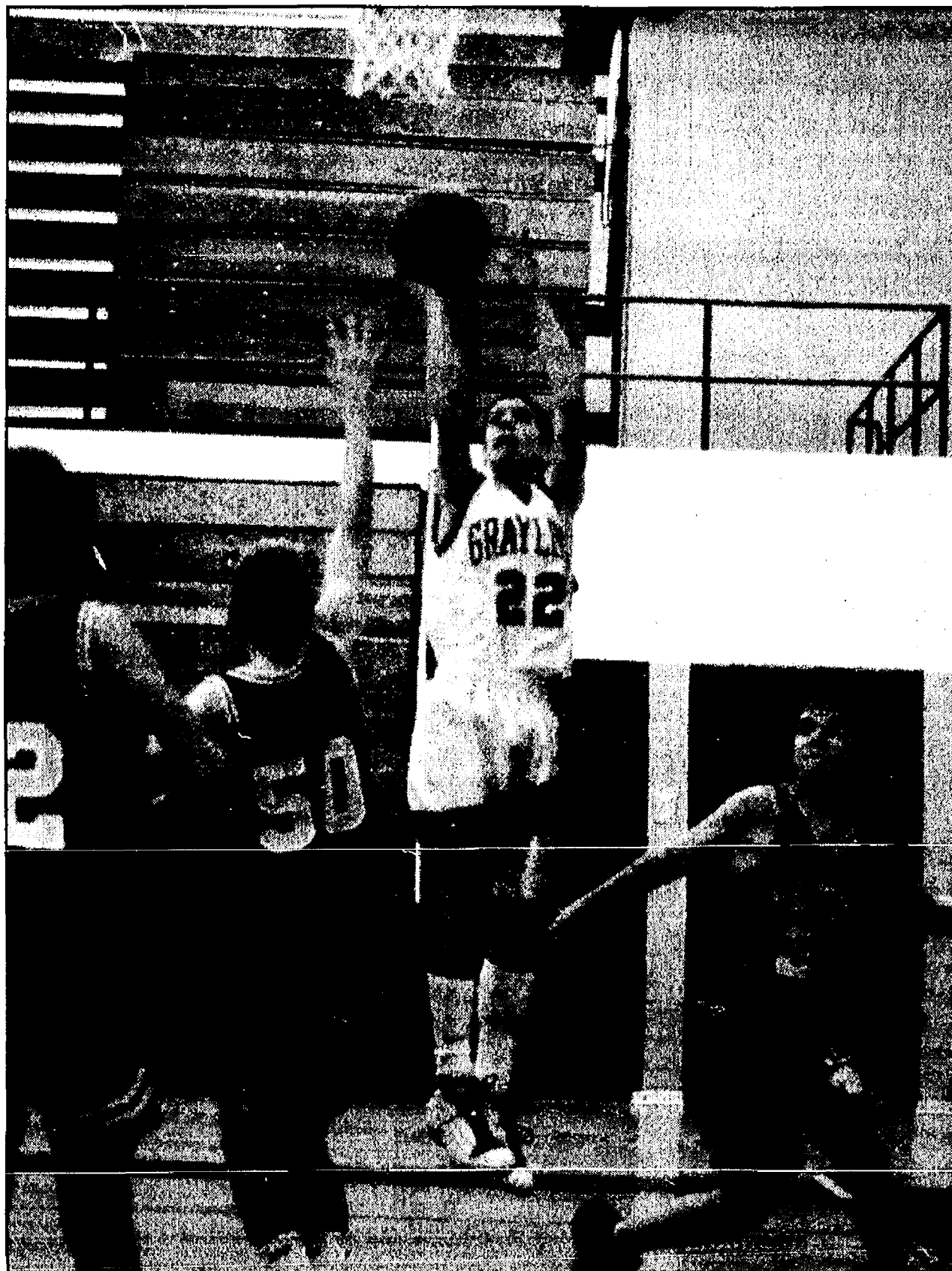


Photo by Caleb Casey

Reagan Schmidt shoots a short jumper for Grayling in last Thursday's 72-36 victory over Standish Sterling Central at GHS.

## Wrestling team places 3rd at 10-team tourney

► Vikes have one 1st place finisher, five 2nd places, two 3rds, one 4th

The Grayling High School wrestling team placed 3rd out of 10 teams at a tournament at Oscoda on Saturday.

Participating schools included Farwell, Gaylord, Oscoda, Gladwin, Hale, Kingsley, Saginaw Valley, and Tawas. Gaylord took first, and Gladwin placed second.

For Grayling, Brandon Pratt (171) won his weight division. Pratt is 17-2 so far this season.

Adam Malone (130, 11-9), Chuck Woodman (135, 4-1), Joel Wilson (145, 14-4), Dusty Partello (152, 16-1) and Darryl Babbitt (160, 12-3) all placed second in their respective weight classes for GHS.

Emily Harvey (103) and Aaron Rosecrans (215) both placed third. James Walker (125) took fourth. Joe Ferrigan (189) and Travis Brush (275) also earned team points for Grayling at the tournament.

"I was very proud of the improvement of the overall team," said Coach Don Ferguson. "They worked hard this week and it showed."

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See "WRESTLING..."

## JV Cheerleading Squad



The 2002-03 Grayling High School junior varsity cheer team: (front, left to right) Samantha LeMaster, Nicole Reyes; (middle, left to right) Erica Parker, Stacey Brown, Brittney Bennett; (back, left to right) Justine Tozer, Chelsea Green, Coach Rebecca Brown, Amber Florian.

## Varsity Cheerleading Squad



The 2002-03 Grayling High School varsity cheer team: (front, left to right) Shannon Terry, Brianne Crowl, Joni Welch, Kim McDaniel; (middle, left to right) Sheryl Zarnick, Jenny Ringle, Janelle Gregorich; (back, left to right) Coach Amber Kick, Rachel Brunell, Nicole Doremire, Michelle Belcher, Hayley Boardman, Coach Gail Belcher.





## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### FEET SHOW SIGNS OF HYPERTENSION

Podiatrists are key members of a person's health care team. A thorough podiatric examination can help diagnose several systemic conditions, including diabetes, arthritis, and high blood pressure (hypertension). Signs of circulatory problems, which often occur with hypertension, can show up as decreased temperatures in the extremities, lack of normal skin color, or weakened pulse in the feet. Swelling, burning and ulcers can also indicate elevated blood pressure. High blood pressure is a primary contributor to cardiovascular disease, so diagnosis and treatment are critical. Podiatrists always take a person's blood pressure during exams and will refer the patient to his or her primary care doctor in the event of any abnormalities. Patients should also inform their podiatrists if they have hypertension.

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The 2002-03 Grayling High School junior varsity boys basketball team: (front, left to right) D.J. Metzger, Alex McNamara, Matt Swope, Josh Millikin, Russ Peters; (back, left to right) Tyler Cragg, Bobby Starks, Josh Hinkle, Darryl Conley, Jess Bobenmoyer, Ryan Davis, Coach Butch Hayes.

## JV Vikings now 6-0 after 2 road wins

► Grayling posts victories at Gaylord and Pinconning

With two wins on the road last week, Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team improved its season record to 6-0.

On Tuesday, the Vikings defeated the Blue Devils of Gaylord 66-62 in overtime.

Grayling led 26-17 at halftime and had a 43-31 advantage going

into the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils caught up in the fourth period, outscoring Grayling 23-11 to force OT.

"We came out the first half and played well," said Coach Butch Hayes. "In the fourth quarter, we lost our composure and poise — they upped the intensity. In overtime, we came out and scored the first eight points and did a good job finishing the game."

Ryan Davis posted a double-double for Grayling with 27 points and 13 rebounds. He led the Vikings in both categories in the contest.

Josh Hinkle finished with 22

points. Matt Swope, Russ Peters, Tyler Cragg, and D.J. Metzger also scored in the match for Grayling.

On Friday, the JV team won at Pinconning 61-52.

The Vikings had a 28-25 edge at halftime. With a 17-12 third period, Grayling led Pinconning 45-37 going into the fourth. GHS sealed the win with a 16-15 fourth quarter.

"We played injured and had a great team effort. We had some kids step up and fill in some key roles," Coach Hayes said. "We shot well from the line (18 for

23)." Hinkle led the scoring effort for Grayling with 27 points. Bobby Starks and Ryan Schmidt each finished with 10. Jess Bobenmoyer, Swope, Peters, Davis, and Metzger also scored for Grayling in the contest.

Swope was the leading rebounder for GHS with 5 boards. Hinkle and Schmidt each had 5 assists.

The JV squad will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, January 17 after the freshman game, which starts at 4:30 p.m.

## 9th graders win 5th straight game

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The Vikings continued their offensive onslaught in the third quarter with a 20-10 period. VanNuck accounted for 12 of the 20, including three on a triple jump before the third quarter buzzer. Dean added four and Baker and Schmidt each had two points in the quarter.

Grayling outscored SSC 13-5 in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. The Vikings scored their 13 fourth period points on a drive by VanNuck, two free throws by Dean, a jumper by Baker, a free throw by Schneider, a lay-up by Feldhauser, a put-back by Zeke Hayes, and a lay-up by VanNuck.

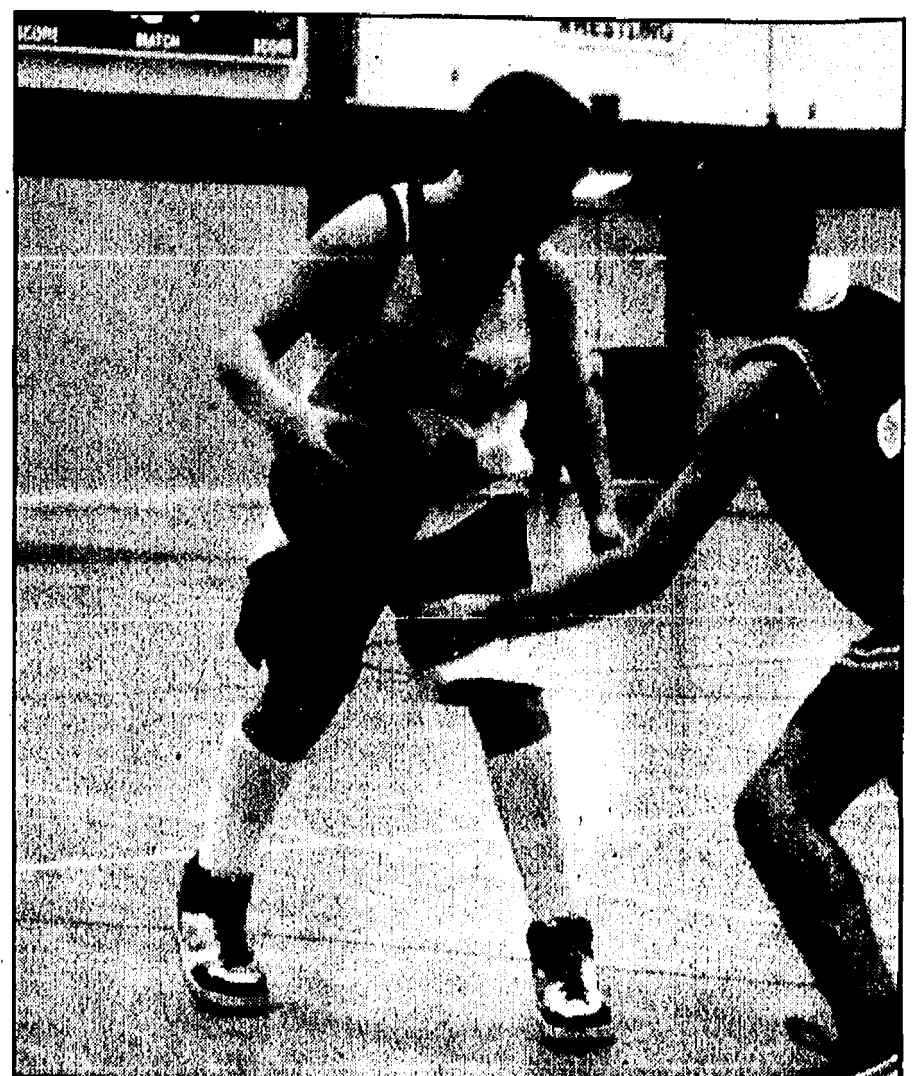
"The boys really stepped up defensively tonight," Coach Joe Mau said. "We played with a lot of intensity, hustle, and poise."

Zach Dean and Zac Baker did a great job on the boards, while Reagan Schmidt really distributed the ball well. Eli VanNuck continues to attack the basket and finish well — it was his second straight game with 30-plus points."

VanNuck ended the night with 30 points, 5 steals, and 3 rebounds.

Schmidt had 14 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. Dean scored 12, grabbed 6 rebounds, and posted 2 steals. Baker finished with 8 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The freshman team will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m. The contest is the first game of a tripleheader that will also include JV and varsity matchups between Grayling and Ogemaw.



Zeke Hayes handles the ball for Grayling in the game vs. Standish last Thursday.

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The 2002-03 GHS varsity boys basketball team: (front, left to right) Gibson Tobin, Ryan Schmidt, Andy Strohpaal, Chad Helsel, Phil Armstrong, Adam Kaiser; (back, left to right) Coach Rich Moffit, Roger Alvarez, Roy Czapke, Joe Lange, Joe Zelek, Greg Morrill, Travis Helsel, Caleb Mead, Coach Chris Kucharek.

## Grayling leads league at 4-0

► Vikings win at Pinconning to stay unbeaten in conference play

The GHS varsity boys basketball team improved its conference record to 4-0 with a 70-56 victory at Pinconning last Friday.

The Vikings are currently in sole possession of the top spot in the North East Michigan Conference. Bay City John Glenn, second in the league at 3-2, lost to Ogemaw on Friday.

At Pinconning, Grayling built up a 42-28 halftime advantage. The Vikings added three to their lead with an 18-15 third quarter, and held on for a 14-point win.

"We started off slow, putting ourselves in an 11-4 hole. Our team then went on a 23-4 run, which was started because we played with improved intensity," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We received a number of positive

performances. Our kids are getting better each game. I was pleased with the way that we took care of the basketball down the stretch of this game."

"We have a number of huge games coming up and we have to continue to improve if we are going to be successful," Coach Moffit said.

Gibson Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling at Pinconning with 23 points. Travis Helsel added 17. Andy Strohpaal, Chad Helsel, Adam Kaiser, Joe Zelek, Greg Morrill, Joe Lange, and Roger Alvarez also had points for GHS in the match.

Roy Czapke was the team's leading rebounder with 8 boards. Strohpaal had 6 steals, Tobin finished with 5 assists, and Lange posted 4 blocks.

On Tuesday, the team lost a non-conference game at Gaylord 70-65 in overtime.

Grayling led 18-12 at the end of one quarter and had a 32-30

### NORTH EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
GRAYLING	4-0	4-2
BC John Glenn	3-2	4-4
Oscoda	2-2	4-2
Tawas	1-2	4-2
Standish Sterling	1-2	3-4
Ogemaw Heights	1-2	2-3
Pinconning	1-3	2-6

NEMC standings compiled by The Bay City Times

edge at halftime. The Vikings outscored Gaylord 19-15 in the third quarter, but managed only seven points in the fourth period (to Gaylord's 12).

The Blue Devils beat Grayling 12-7 in the overtime period to win the game by five.

"We played well in spurts. The problem is that we did not play well consistently on the offensive and defensive ends of the court," Coach Moffit said. "We need to improve our play during pressure situations. We need to speed up the maturation process of our young team."

Against Gaylord, T. Helsel led Grayling's scoring effort with 18 points. Tobin and Czapke each added 15. Kaiser had 6 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals. Tobin had 4 assists.

On Friday, January 17 the Vikings will host the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights in the final game of a basketball tripleheader. The freshman teams will play at 4:30 p.m., the junior varsity game will follow, and then the varsity squads will take the floor.

Grayling High School's three boys basketball teams — freshman, junior varsity, and varsity — are a combined 15-2 so far this season.

## GHS ski teams win in league opener

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runs down the hill to place 8th in the slalom and 6th in the giant slalom," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Freshman Jessica Thomson finished 11th in slalom despite a first run fall and then helped the team with a 9th place GS finish that pushed Roscommon and Saginaw Valley back more team points.

"All the girls were in their first race of the year and had problems in slalom, with Roscommon leading 17-19-61. The teams got real serious in giant slalom and the Lady Vikes didn't like second place," Coach Wieland said.

Vandecar's 1st, Alvarez's 2nd, and Olson's 3rd nearly swept the GS event. The Scott sisters from Roscommon placed 4th and 5th to prevent the Vikings from a perfect 10 score. Seager placed 6th to give the Vikings a total of 12 team points. McClain's 8th and Thomson's 9th helped push

Roscommon farther back for a 12-26 count in the GS race and helped score the 31-43 meet victory over the Bucks.

Grayling's boys team started out the GS competition showing no signs of missing the three seniors that led the team in 2002. Sophomores led the charge for GHS as Jim Jansen, Trevor Clough, Pat McNally, and John Handy placed 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively, to score 13 team points. Eric Hunter placed 6th and Adam Gilbert was 7th. The Vikings led at the halfway point 13-29-45.

The slalom race had almost the same result as Clough, Jansen, Handy, Hunter, and McNally placed 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, respectively. Anthony Neal

missed a gate and was disqualified. The boys again scored 13 team points to Roscommon's 26 and Saginaw Valley's 54, making the meet totals: Grayling 26, Roscommon 55, and Saginaw 99.

"The boys shook off first meet jitters and their experience from last season took over as they all skied like veterans," Coach Wieland said. "We're a young team, one senior and six sophomores, but we're not rebuilding. We put this team together last year and they have had three years in the junior high program. They should do well if we ski to our abilities."

On Thursday, the GHS ski teams will face Farwell and Clare at Snow Snake at 2 p.m.

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#### Skiing Coach: Mike Wieland MALLORY OLSON

Mallory had the girls team's low total points in last week's meet with four — a 1st place finish in slalom and a 3rd place finish in giant slalom.

### Paul Olson Municipal Underwriters of Michigan

#### Vikings of the Week



#### Skiing Coach: Mike Wieland JIM JANSEN & TREVOR CLOUGH

Trevor and Jim shared four points for a meet total last week. Trevor placed 1st in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom. Jim was 1st in the giant slalom and 3rd in the slalom event.

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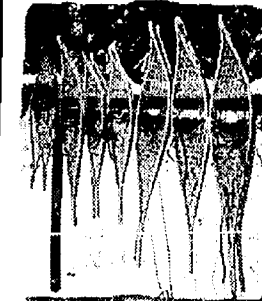
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The 2002-03 Grayling High School varsity girls volleyball team: (front, left to right) Carmen Hulbert, Ashley Hawley, Heather Metzger; (middle, left to right) Jacqueline Rais, Jessica Stewart, Heather Stamper; (back, left to right) Angeanette Lovely, Ashley Bancroft, Coach Angie Golnick, Jamie Zelek, Hannah Hall.

## Volleyball team opens league play with a win

► Grayling posts 2-1 victory over Standish Sterling Central at SSC

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball team opened its league meet schedule with a 2-1 victory over Standish Sterling Central at Standish (15-11, 7-15, 15-12) last week.

(An earlier league meet sched-

uled for December 18 vs. Oscoda was canceled and has not been re-scheduled as of last week.)

Grayling statistics in the meet against Standish included: Ashley Bancroft - 6 points; Ashley Hawley - 4 kills, 5 blocks, 8 digs, 5 points; Angeanette Lovely - 11 digs, 9 points; Heather Stamper - 1 kill, 2 blocks, 6 digs, 2 points; Jamie Zelek - 1 kill, 4 digs, 5 points; Hannah Hall - 4 kills, 8 digs, 5 points; Heather Metzger - 9 assists, 15 digs.

On Saturday, the Vikings competed in a tournament at Gaylord. Grayling lost to Escanaba (1-15, 4-15), Cheboygan (3-15, 5-15), Alpena (9-15, 2-15), and

Gaylord (1-15, 3-15).

Grayling stats included: Hall - 12 digs, 8 kills; Hawley - 5 digs, 12 kills, 14 touches, 5 blocks; Lovely - 17 digs, 2 kills; Stewart, 7 touches, 8 kills.

"As a young team (three starting sophomores) we began to figure out our potential on Thursday but the teams we met at the tournament on Saturday had lots more experience," Coach Angie Golnick said. "I only hope that the team can see just how good they are."

The Vikings will play at St. Ignace this Saturday. On Monday, January 27 the team will host Houghton Lake at 6:15 p.m.

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## JV volleyball team rallies for comeback

► Vikes bounce back with 15-4, 15-6 wins after losing game one

After being blanked in the first game of a best-of-three series at Standish Sterling Central last Thursday, the GHS junior varsity volleyball team mounted a strong comeback to win the meet 2-1.

After the 0-15 first game, Grayling won 15-4 and 15-6 to take the series.

"After getting a slow start, the girls came back and won the match. They did a good job of

staying positive and trying. They served well and had some good attacks," said Coach Jenny Swander.

On January 6, the Vikings lost a close series at Pinconning 14-16, 15-17, 5-15. It was the team's first meet of the year.

The Vikings were 28 of 36 at the serving spot.

"The girls played hard in their first game. They were tough losses with very close scores," Coach Swander said. "If they clean up the little mental mistakes they will overcome the small point difference."

On Monday, January 20 the JV and freshman volleyball teams will host Tawas at 6:15 p.m.

## Wrestling team places 3rd at 10-team tourney

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On Thursday, the Vikings wrestled against West Branch Ogemaw Heights and Standish Sterling Central at West Branch. Grayling defeated Standish 57-24 but lost to Ogemaw 58-20.

For Grayling, Wilson (145), Partello (152), Babbitt (160), and Pratt (171) all won both of their matches on Thursday. Woodman (125), Malone (130), Walker (135), Greg Warren (189), Rosecrans (215), and Brush (275) each had one win in the meet.

"We're working on getting more balance in our team," Coach Ferguson said. "We have two weight classes open that need to be filled."

On Thursday, January 16 the GHS wrestling team will face Oscoda and Pinconning at Pinconning. If the Vikings win both matches, they will move into a three-way tie for first place in the North East Michigan Conference with Pinconning and Ogemaw.

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# Freshman team wins in double OT

► Eli VanNuck scores 34 points in 64-59 victory over Pinconning

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team defeated the Spartans of Pinconning 64-59 in double overtime last Monday in Grayling.

The match was close all through regulation. Grayling led by two with less than 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter, but Pinconning tied the contest at 46-46 with a pair of foul shots, forcing overtime. After a 6-6 stalemate in the first overtime period, the Vikings outscored Pinconning 12-7 in the second OT to win the game.

Pinny edged Grayling 12-11 in the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 11 on a jump shot by Eli VanNuck, two three-pointers by Reagan Schmidt, a fast break lay-up by VanNuck, and a free throw by VanNuck.

A lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser following a steal gave GHS a 13-12 lead. Pinconning scored a basket inside to go back up by one. A 5-0 run by Grayling — on a jumper by Zac Baker, a lay-up by VanNuck, and a free throw by VanNuck — put the Vikings up 18-14. The Spartans scored the next two baskets, tying the game at 18-18.

A put-back by Baker — the last bucket of the second quarter — gave Grayling a 20-18 edge at halftime.

Pinconning outscored GHS 19-12 in the third quarter to take a 37-32 lead into the fourth period. Grayling's 12 third quarter points were the result of four baskets by VanNuck, a jumper by Baker, and two free throws by Zach Dean.

A jump shot by VanNuck pulled Grayling within four, 38-34. Pinconning scored to go up by six. A basket by VanNuck cut the Spartan lead back to four. Two free throws by Pinconning gave the Spartans a six-point advantage, 42-36.

Pinconning hit one of three free throws after being fouled behind the three-point line. A jump shot by VanNuck pulled Grayling within three, 43-40. A basket by Schmidt cut Pinconning's lead to one with 2:19 left in regulation.

A shot inside by Dean on an assist from Baker gave Grayling a 44-43 edge with 1:30 remain-



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Zach Dean puts up a shot from underneath the basket in last Monday's freshman boys basketball game against Pinconning at GHS.**

ing. At the 1:00 mark, Pinconning hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 44-44.

The Vikings got the ball in and killed time off the clock. With less than 10 seconds left, VanNuck drove in for a shot and was fouled. He hit both free throws, giving GHS a 46-44 lead with seven seconds left in the fourth quarter.

The Spartans drew a blocking foul, and sank both free throws, tying the game at 46-46.

Grayling had three seconds to work with. The Vikings got the ball in and got a shot off, but it didn't go in. The game headed into overtime.

Pinconning scored the first basket of overtime. A shot inside by Feldhauser on a pass from VanNuck tied the contest at 48-48. A drive by VanNuck put GHS up by two.

The Spartans tied the match

with a pair of free throws. The Vikings went up by two with a jump shot by Feldhauser. Two free throws by Pinconning tied the game at 52-52 with 38 seconds left in OT.

Pinconning forced a tie-up and the possession arrow favored the Spartans. The Vikings were called for a foul with nine seconds left on the clock. Pinconning missed both free throws, leaving the score tied.

The Vikings got the ball in and called time-out with six seconds left in overtime. Grayling got the ball in and fired a jumper, but it didn't go in. The game progressed into a second four-minute overtime period.

Grayling scored the first five points of double overtime. A free throw by Pinconning pulled the Spartans within four.

The Vikings started moving the ball around to take time off the clock and Pinconning had to foul. A free throw by Schmidt put Grayling up by five.

GHS got the ball back and scored two on a fast break lay-up by Feldhauser. Grayling led 60-53 with about a minute left in the game.

Pinconning tried a three-point shot, missed, and Schmidt came down with the rebound. The Spartans fouled VanNuck, who hit both free throws.

Pinny scored on a lay-up, then fouled to stop the clock. VanNuck again hit both shots from the free throw line. The points put Grayling up by nine, 64-55, with 21 seconds remaining.

The Spartans scored on a put-back after missing three free throws, then stole the ball and scored again just before the buzzer. Grayling held on for the 64-59 victory.

The win improved Grayling's season record to 4-0.

"Wow! A double overtime win to push the team to a 4-0 record. Eli VanNuck exploded with 34 points and was supported with great team defense. Reagan Schmidt and Ryan Feldhauser played outstanding defense, while Zach Dean and Zac Baker controlled the boards," Coach

Joe Mau said.

VanNuck finished the game with 34 points, 7 steals, and 4 rebounds. Schmidt had 11 points and 3 steals. Feldhauser scored 10 and had 6 boards. Dean, the team's leading rebounder in the contest with 9, scored 6 points and had 2 steals.



**Zac Baker takes a jump shot in Grayling's double overtime victory over Pinconning last week.**

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### Mens Team

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP** - Sophomore guard Jake Milarch scored 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out seven assists to lead Kirtland Community College to a 74-67 victory Wednesday night at Oakland Community College.

Terrance Coker added 15 points and Reuben Edwards had 10 for Kirtland, which evened its record at 1-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and improved to 6-7 overall.

**ROSCOMMON** - Center Alvaudas Gedminas had 17 points and 18 rebounds and forward Eugene Phillips added 17 points and 10 rebounds Saturday to help Kirtland to a 104-93 victory over Delta.

But it was sophomore guard Vaughan Gray, in his best-ever college game, who led the pace with 17 points, five rebounds and six assists.

Gray also made eight of 11 shots from the free-throw line, several of them down the stretch when the Firebirds pulled away in a game that was tightly contested throughout.

Kirtland is 2-1 in the conference and 7-7 overall.

### Womens Team

**ROSCOMMON** - Mott's Lady Bears brought a six-women team to face a well-rested group from Kirtland feeling very good about itself after a strong finish in its holiday tournament.

Then the understaffed visitors put on a clinic against the Lady Firebirds, whose coach criticized his players for their futile individual efforts in a 79-50 rout Saturday in the conference opener.

"Those six girls of their played as a team," Kirtland coach Jimmy Parker said. "We didn't. Our girls weren't in the game from the start. They were playing 'me' ball all day. They know better."

Teona Blythe scored 18 points and hauled down 16 rebounds to power Mott. Jennifer Smith had 17 points and Tracy Johnson 16 for the Lady Bears, 8-5 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"It seemed like we just lost our intensity and I have no idea why after we had played so well before Christmas," Parker said. "We were so lethargic on defense and impatient on offense. Everybody tried to do things

individually instead of run our plays."

Becca Miller and Jeni Kemp each had 10 points for Kirtland, 5-8 and 0-1.

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP** - Larissa Taylor scored 21 points to lead Oakland University to an 83-57 win Wednesday night over visiting Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 15 points to lead Kirtland and Jeni Kemp came off the bench to score 10 points and grab seven rebounds for the Lady Firebirds, which fell to 0-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 5-9 overall.

Oakland is 2-0 in the conference and 12-4 overall.

**ROSCOMMON** - A worrisome trend continues for Kirtland's Lady Firebirds, and after their fourth straight loss and fifth in six games the reason for the slump has become crystal clear to coach Jimmy Parker.

"I'm afraid we have some very selfish players who don't really care whether we win or lose as long as they get their stats," Parker said after a 71-59 loss Saturday to Delta after a team squandered a double-digit first-half lead. He didn't name names, but he knows who they are.

"Our biggest problem, again, was time management. We were ahead by nine points with five minutes to go in the first half, and we're rushing the ball down court and firing up threes. The girls just wouldn't take their time and run the offense. When they did, we created some nice, clean shots for ourselves."

Freshman forward Leah Dixon scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds and sophomore center Kristine Porter had 13 points, nine rebounds and made seven of eight from the free-throw line to lead Delta. The Lady Pioneers are 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 5-7 overall.

Sophomore guard Becca Miller led Kirtland with 13 points, freshman forward Jeni Kemp had 13 points and nine rebounds and sophomore center Jillian Schultz scored 11 for Kirtland, 0-3 in the conference and 5-10 overall.

The Lady Firebirds built their big first-half lead with tenacious defense, forcing Delta to turn the ball over 13 times before the intermission.

"We played harder, and that was encouraging," Parker said.

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Moshier Auto Repair . 07 - 13  
Fick & Sons ..... 06 - 14  
Pichl's Sawmill. .... 06 - 14  
High Series Men: R. Marwede, 616; J. Mehal, 548; C. Hanson, 520.  
High Game Men: R. Marwede, 223; J. Mehal, 218; C. Hanson, 192.  
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 539; D. Medina, 483; B. Lozon, 477.  
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 194; D. Medina, 182; K.

Trudeau, 170.

### American Men's League

GADCO ..... 07 - 00  
Moore's Automotive ... 05 - 02  
Forrest Brothers. .... 05 - 02  
Helsel Forest Prod. . 04.5 - 02.5  
Warren Forest Prod. . 02.5 - 04.5  
Scheer Motors ..... 02 - 05  
Fenton's Auto Service. . 02 - 05  
McLean's Ace ..... 00 - 07  
High Series: J. Helsel, 654; B. Trudeau, 628; J. Arwood, 624.  
High Game: J. Helsel, 236; S. Peterson, 235; D. Canfield, 223; M. Smith, 223.

### Senior League

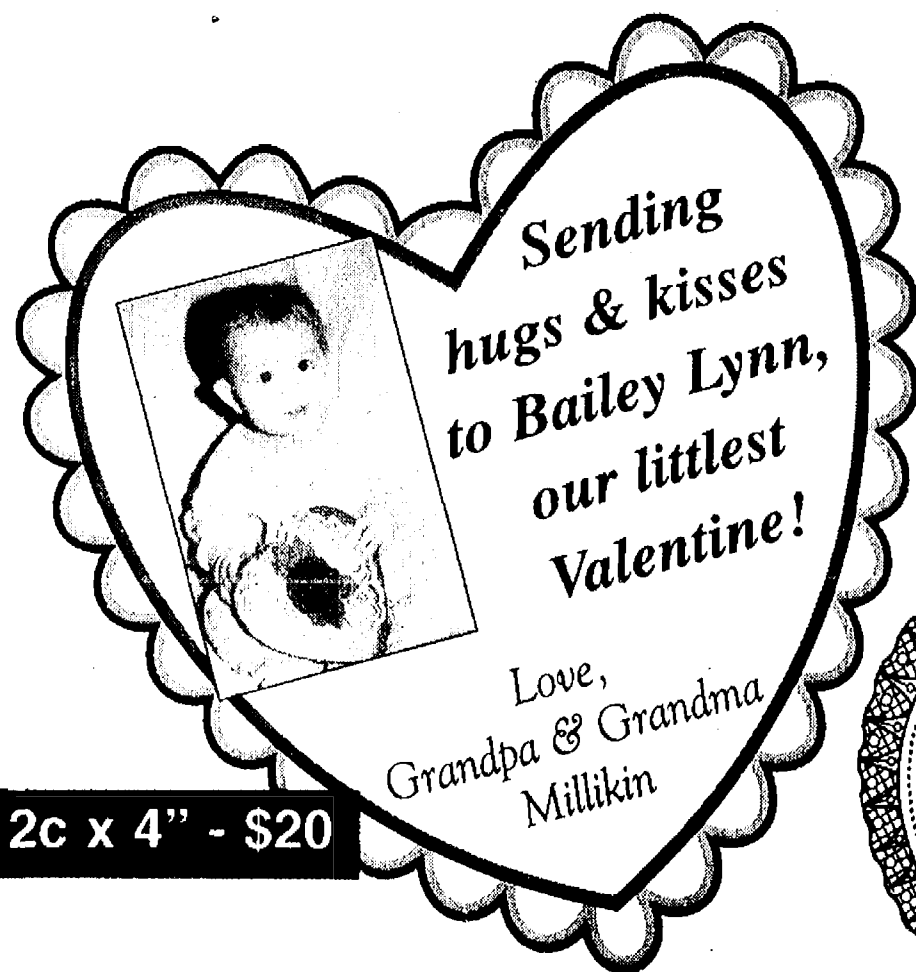
Grayling Pharmacy .... 47 - 21

Sylvester's Sports .... 35 - 33  
Flowers By Josie ... 34.5 - 33.5  
Buccilli's Pizza ..... 34 - 34  
Hall's Snow Removal ... 32 - 36  
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Cornell Insurance... 28.5 - 39.5  
High Series Men: G. Wolfe, 617; J. Rasmussen, 560; A. Smith, 543.  
High Game Men: G. Wolfe, 226; A. Smith, 212; B. Hollis, 191.  
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 495; N. Glasslee, 470; W. Finkenbinder, 467.  
High Game Women: E. Hulbert, 183; M. Rysso, 180; E. Hatfield, 177.

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## 8th grade 'green' team wins one, loses one

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball (green) team bounced back from a loss Wednesday to team from a 38-30 victory over West Branch Surline on Thursday. Both games were played at GMS.

"The team came off a tough loss on Wednesday but played outstanding to defeat a very good team Thursday. Jim Boylan, Jesse Ginther, and Mike Boylan controlled the rebounding and scored well around the basket," Coach Gary Summers said. "Our guards played great, controlling the tempo and feeding

the ball inside. A.J. Anter and Cory Metzger played great defense towards the end of the game. This was a total team win."

Ginther was the leading scorer for GMS with 12 points. J. Boylan had 8. Anter, M. Boylan, Jeff Bancroft, Scot Olson, and Metzger also had points for Grayling in the contest.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost to Roscommon 51-21.

"We definitely weren't ready for the team speed and outside shooting Roscommon brought to the gym on Wednesday," Coach

Summers said. "We started real slow on both ends and never got any offense going. Hopefully we'll learn from our mistakes and keep looking for ways to improve. This team has great potential and I have confidence they will be playing pretty good by tournament time."

Against Roscommon, Justin Summers, M. Boylan, Metzger, Bancroft, Ginther, Anter, and J. Boylan all scored for GMS.

The 8th grade boys basketball teams will host Kalkaska on Monday, January 20 at 5 p.m.

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kent E. Bowman and Carmela C. Bowman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 29, 1996, and recorded on September 3, 1996 in Liber 417 on Page 213 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 82/100 dollars (\$105,718.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof, 424.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes West 137.2 feet, to the center of roadway; thence South 52 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 174 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South 82 degrees 47 minutes East along center of roadway, 60 feet; thence South 33 degrees 04 minutes East 567.5 feet, to the Northernly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 59 degrees 32 minutes West along said bank, 200 feet; thence North 18 degrees 36 minutes West 616.8 feet, to P.O.B.; said tract includes all land to the waters edge, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200310462  
Team W

-16-23-30-06

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 6, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot line 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200233544  
Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Herbert E. Stephan and Susan M. Stephan, husband and wife, of 3009 Rasmus, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated September 5, 1984 and recorded September 5, 1984 in Liber 228 in Crawford County Records on Pages 108-111, such Mortgage being given to secure two Promissory Notes payable to the Government; and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Four and 87/100 (\$66,504.87) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County on the 12th day of February, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 11.875% percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 12 and 13, Oak Acres Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records. SUBJECT to building and use restrictions as contained in instrument recorded at Liber 49, Page 453, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately

following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: January 15, 2003  
Michael I. Conlon (P43954)  
Running, Wise & Ford P.L.C.  
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686  
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
acting through the Farmers Home  
Administration, (now known as Rural  
Development), United States Dept. of  
Agriculture, Mortgagee

-16-23-30-06

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403 on Page 201 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 32/100 dollars (\$48,122.32), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200113993  
Team C

-19-26-02-09-16

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Michels a married man and Kim Michels his wife (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2001, and recorded on November 7, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 167 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$70,429.34), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Northeasterly one-half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200219390  
Team S

-26-02-09-16

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH  
Anthony J. Ballingash and  
Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs  
v  
William H. Parker and  
Tonya L. Parker, Defendants  
Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure  
by Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002  
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
P.O. Box 665  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars

(\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200234122  
Team J

-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.  
As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 224.0507

-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4 "Martha M. Brink's Addition" according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's Addition, excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Centex Home  
Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 195.0212

-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith and Bonnie M. Smith husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1993, and recorded on November 17, 1993 in Liber 369 on Page 69 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five and 19/100 dollars (\$43,055.19), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brink's 2nd Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
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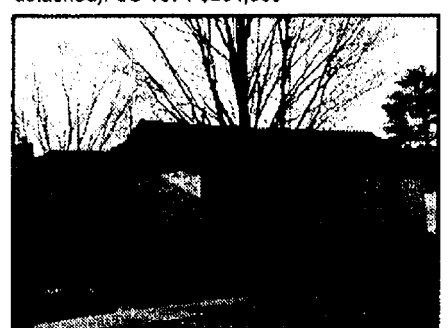
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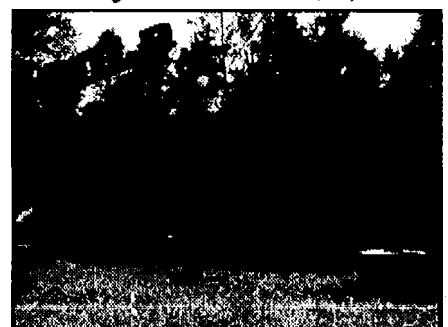
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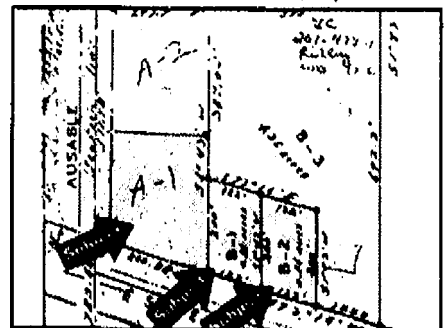
**TRANQUIL SETTING WITH LOTS OF WILDLIFE!** 471 foot AuSable River with 2.75 acres. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000



**HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room 12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500



**GREAT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY ON 5.65 ACRES!** Adjoins State Land on 2 sides. 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile with block addition. Offers 620 s.f. with partial block basement. Built over roof. 2 1/2 car detached garage with heater and electric door opener. Septic pumped 3 years ago. Well has new point in 2002. New pressure tank. Secluded setting in nice location. Lots of wildlife in area. CS-1603 \$46,500



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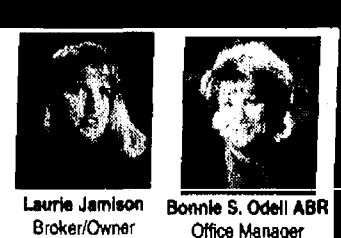
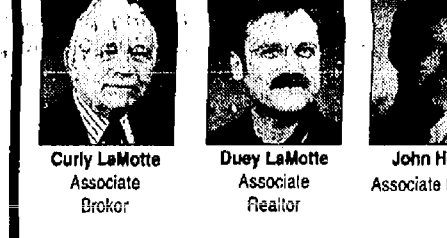
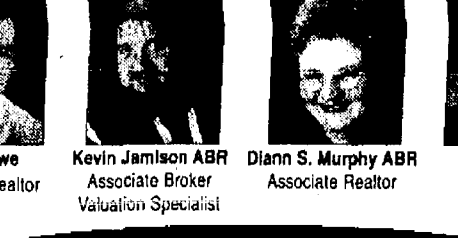
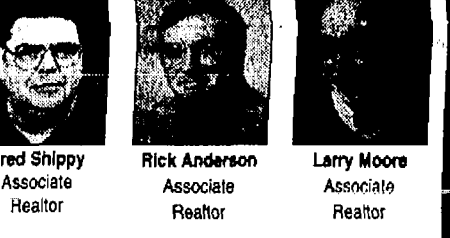
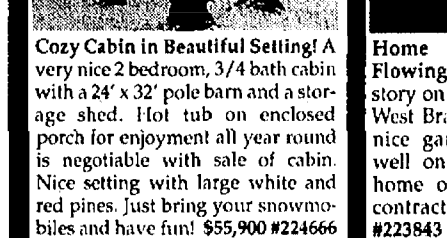
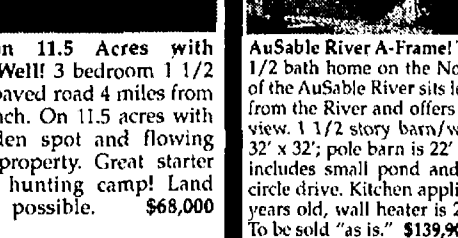
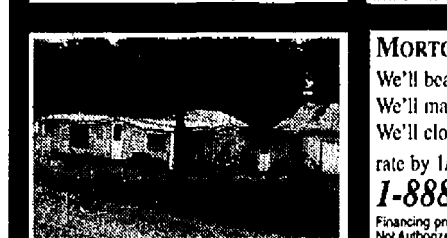
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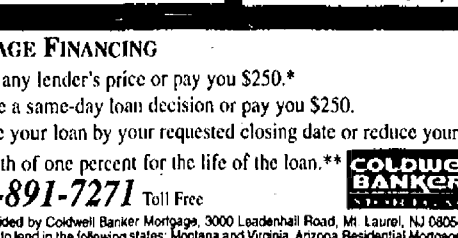
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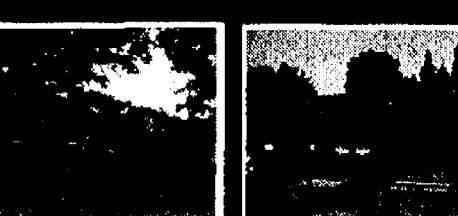
**Home on 11.5 Acres with Flowing Well!** 3 bedroom 1 1/2 story on paved road 4 miles from West Branch. On 11.5 acres with nice garden spot and flowing well on property. Great starter home or hunting camp! Land contract possible. \$65,000 #223843



**AuSable River A-Frame!** This 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home on the North Branch of the AuSable River sits less than 30' from the River and offers a beautiful view. 1 1/2 story barn/workshop is 32' x 32'; pole barn is 22' x 22'; patio includes small pond and there is a circle drive. Kitchen appliances are 4 years old, wall heater is 2 years old. To be sold "as is." \$139,900 #224564



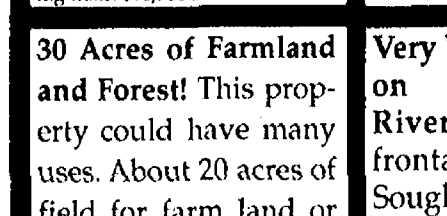
**Perfect Weekend Cabin!** Great 2 bedroom, 1 bath weekend cabin. Large 24' x 32' garage with a 12' x 24' lean-to. Property adjoins state land to the East and West. Excellent area for snowmobiling. \$49,500 #223417



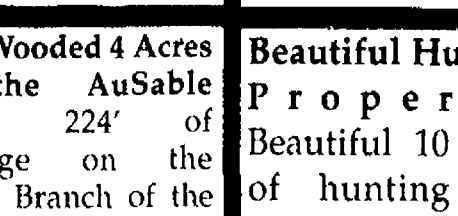
**Comfortable Home in City!** Great 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with many updates. Newer steel roof, 2-car garage, natural gas, city water. A must see, priced to sell! \$72,500 #223309



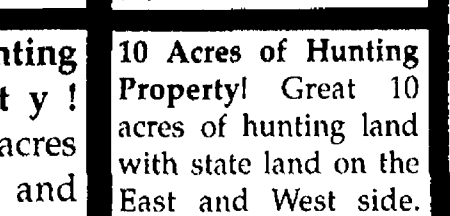
**Located in Luzerne! Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath starter home in the town of Luzerne. Quiet neighborhood, ready to move into. Close to Big Creek. \$67,000 #223307**



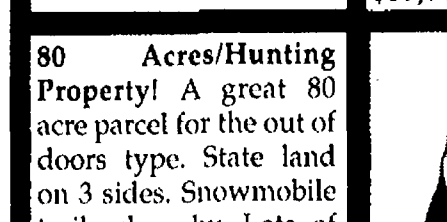
**30 Acres of Farmland and Forest!** This property could have many uses. About 20 acres of field for farm land or horses, about 10 acres of beautiful large trees, most are maples. Excellent building sites. \$89,900 #222682



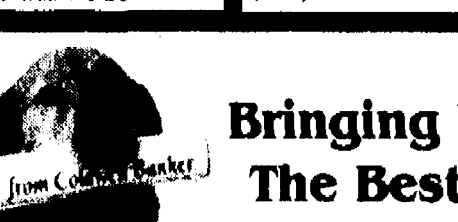
**Very Wooded 4 Acres on the AuSable River!** 224' of frontage on the South Branch of the famous AuSable River. This desirable 4 acres is on blacktop, very wooded and great building site. \$39,500 #222546



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**OFFICE CLERK/RECEPTIONIST** Full time position with full benefits available. Must possess office/computer skills and have 1-2 years of previous experience. College degree preferred but not necessary. Accounting knowledge a plus. Send resume in confidence to: ATTN: Office Manager, P.O. Box 49, Prudenville, MI 48651 or fax to (989) 366-9458 (-16-23-30/3)

## 3. Employment

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## 3. Employment

**HELP WANTED** Only experienced carpenters need to apply. Must be a dependable person with clean driving record and reliable transportation. Full-time employment including benefits and holiday pay. Apply in person at Kowatch Builders and Developers, 513 Chestnut Court, Gaylord, Michigan (located behind Preston Feather). (-9-16-23/3)

## 3. Employment

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Now accepting applications for wait staff, bartenders, cooks and dishwashers. Apply in person Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17. No phone calls, please. M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-16/3)

**MDNR, Hartwick Pines State Park, Grayling**, is seeking individuals 18-25 years of age for a job training program with Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps. Outdoor work with travel. \$5.15 per hour with raises for good performance. Training program partnered with AmeriCorps. Call (989) 348-9884 for more information. (-16-23/3)

**MATH INSTRUCTOR**, Kirtland Community College is seeking applications to fill a full-time (34 week) math faculty position, beginning Fall Semester 2003. The successful candidate will be able to effectively teach a wide variety of math courses from developmental math through calculus. On-line instructional experience is desired. Position to be paid at a rate determined by the faculty master agreement. Applications will be accepted until March 7, 2003; starting date August, 2003. For complete position description. Visit our website at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/job-posts> or call 989-275-5000, Ext. 239. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-16/3)

**MERCY AMICARE HOME-CARE & HOSPICE** is looking for an RN who is willing to work contingently for the Hospice service. This person will work in the office and/or some occasional field work. Computer or laptop experience a plus! This is a great opportunity for an RN who does not want a caseload, or specific schedule. One or more years of experience, med surg nursing, or hospice/homecare experience. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and be organized. Interested candidates can call Gayle Willett for more information (800) 424-1457 or mail resume/application to: 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Fax: (989) 348-0045 Attn: Gayle. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (12/19/02tf/3)

**FORESTRY PROGRAM SECRETARY** Michigan State University Extension is looking to fill the position of Forestry Program Secretary. This position is a part-time, clerical position working 19 hours per week without benefits. Applicants should have experience in using office-type computer software, possess good written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage multiple tasks with minimal supervision. Position will be housed out of the MSU Extension office which is located in the basement of the Crawford County Building in Grayling. Send cover letter and resume; Sustainable Forestry Education Program, MSU Extension, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline for application is January 29, 2003. A more detailed job description is available upon request by contacting us at (989) 344-3263. (-16-23/3)

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## Next to New Cars

**2000 CHEVY MALIBU LS**  
V6, power windows and doors, CD/Cassette, real nice! #19287-1  
Was \$13,488  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS**  
Wow! Flame Red with power moon roof and lots of goodies! This one won't be here long! #19343-1  
Was \$19,988  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
2 Dr., Red with power sunroof, auto, air, spoiler, really sharp! #1728-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO LS**  
Really clean! Like new! Only 25,000 miles! #4974-1  
Was \$16,988  
Blowout Price \$15,988 Not a Mistake!

**2003 PONTIAC VIBE**  
Auto, air, CD, power windows, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #4944  
Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$16,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 BUICK REGAL**  
GS, Top of the line, leather, sunroof, a beautiful car! #19193-1  
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Blowout Price \$13,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE**  
Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1  
Was \$16,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE D'ELEGANCE**  
Awesome white diamond with chrome wheels, in great condition and priced like a Chevrolet. #18758-1  
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Blowout Price \$15,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 SATURN LS1**  
Bigger Saturn with all of the small car reliability! Low miles and excellent condition! #4881  
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Blowout Price \$13,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHRYSLER SEBRING COUPE**  
Leather, loaded with power moonroof, chrome wheels, V6, it has it all! Best of all only 7,000 miles! #17950  
Was \$25,475  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

## Clean Cars Under \$10,000

**2001 SATURN SL1**  
4 dr., auto with air, Only 8,000 miles. #4856  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 PLYMOUTH NEON**  
Great car for the price! #19279-1  
Was \$3,988  
Blowout Price \$2,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CADILLAC CONCOURS**  
Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall! #19390-2  
Was \$8,988  
Blowout Price \$7,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDSMOBILE OUTLASS SUPREME**  
Very nice with only 58,000 miles! #19357-2  
Was \$8,988  
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 DODGE NEON**  
Auto, with air, CD, power windows and local Great fuel economy! #18890-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE**  
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means! #19451-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,488 Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE NEON**  
Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice! #19419-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDS AURORA**  
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

**1996 BUICK REGAL**  
Nice used car with lots of quality driving left in it. #4855-1  
Was \$6,488  
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

## Clean Cars Under \$10,000 Cont.

**1999 SATURN WAGON SW1**  
Auto, with air! Very clean! Must See! Great Gas Mileage! #4882  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and Sharp! Red! Worry Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19283-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK LESABRE**  
Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp! #19198-2  
Was \$10,988  
Blowout Price \$9,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD TAURUS**  
GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4 4 DR.**  
LT Model! Very clean! V6, Full power! #19425-1  
Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$15,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVY K3500 4X4 PLOW TRUCK**  
Very nice and strong, Silverado trim, V8, working plow! #19494-1  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K1500**  
Full size pickup, 4x4, V8, nice truck. #19387-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4X4**  
Sportside, V8, Very Nice! Lots of eye appeal! #4973  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4X4**  
V-6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice! #4927  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter! #4927  
Was \$19,988  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4**  
New body style with leather! Rear air, loaded! Only 29,000 miles! #4859  
Was \$31,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, Auto, with air! V-8 with only 10,000 miles! #4899  
Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4**  
LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718  
Was \$27,988  
Blowout Price \$24,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT**  
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE RAM**  
Quad Cab, V-8, SLT, fully equipped! #19487-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 DODGE DURANGO 4X4**  
Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902  
Was \$24,988  
Blowout Price \$21,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN**  
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$20,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**  
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new! #19311-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD WINDSTAR**  
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments! #19107-1  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.**  
4x4, LT Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940  
Was \$30,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

## Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's Cont.

**1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4**  
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4918  
Was \$15,988  
Blowout Price \$13,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4**  
Z71 LT with leather! All of the goodies and only 19,000 miles! #19479-1  
Was \$25,988  
Blowout Price \$23,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto, air, LS, lift, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT**  
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint, Beautiful Unit! #19317-1  
Was \$16,488  
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD EXPLORER**  
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19067-1  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 GMC YUKON 4X4**  
New body style, SLT, leather, power roof, running boards, 3rd row seating! Sweet! #4931  
Was \$27,988  
Blowout Price \$25,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS**  
With leather! Only 28,000 miles! Loaded with goodies! #4847  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4959  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE**  
Wow! What a sweetheart! Aspen white with neutral leather. Top Shell! #4945  
Was \$33,988  
Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K2500 3/4 TON 4X4**  
Ext. Cab, Nice truck and ready for winter! Only 53,000 miles! #19521-1  
Was \$16,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVY C1500**  
2 Wheel drive, V6, stick, Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 FORD RANGER REGULAR CAB**  
2 Wheel drive "splash" stick with air, Really sharp! #19358-2  
Was \$4,988  
Blowout Price \$3,488 Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
6 cyl. nice! Ready for winter! #19358-2  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**  
4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles! #19528-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN**  
Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT 4X4**  
4 dr., sport model, very clean and sharp! #19570-1  
Was \$7,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**  
2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter! #19210-2  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB**  
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, V-8, Neat as a pin, fully equipped. #19253-1  
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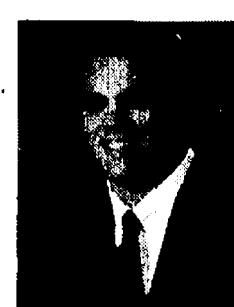
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### 4. Services Offered

**DRIVER'S TRAINING & Road Testing** is offered by the Grayling Drivers Training School. Register now for the April 8 class. Contact Howard Lehti (989) 348-8838. (LR4/3/03/4)

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**Full-Time Intake Coordinator-Skilled Services:** Person is responsible for accepting calls from various referral sources, physicians offices assessing the call according to guidelines and procedures. Communicates the information to the Clinical Team and provides Insurance Verification process. Also direct interaction with the scheduler, and other team members. Entering data into the computer system, and processing information. This person will report to the Business Manager, and must be able to work independently. Minimum requirements are: High School diploma or GED, baccalaureate degree preferred, or 2 to 3 years industry experience. 2 Years customer service experience in acute care, home health, or physician office setting required. Experience with referrals a plus. Excellent organization skills, well-developed verbal communication skills a must. Ability to function as a team important. Various duties and frequent changes ongoing. Contact Brenda Lake, Business Manager at 1-800-424-1457; 989-348-4383 or 231-876-4504. Fax: 231-779-9554. Applications available at 201 Meadows Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. Amicare is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Achieving Workforce Diversity through Affirmative Action.

**MERCY AMICARE HOMECARE & HOSPICE**  
Affiliated with Mercy Hospital Grayling  
**Full-Time Office Coordinator-Hospice Services:** Person is responsible for maintaining office operations, maintenance of medical records, supplies, billing, and a variety of clerical functions. Handle accounts payable, data entry, and answering the telephone. This person's role is extensive with contact of staff, clients, caregivers, and physicians. They will report directly to the Business Manager, and must be able to work independently. Collaboration with other departments is critical for success. Qualifications minimally must be: High School diploma and additional business/office training. 1 year of experience, medical office setting preferred. Excellent organizational and human relation skills, and computer skills as well. This position is fast paced, and multi-tasking is a must. Patience and tact are essential. Excellent benefits and compensation package for the right person. Contact Brenda Lake, Business Manager at 1-800-424-1457; 989-348-4383 or 231-876-4504. Fax: 231-779-9554. Applications available at 201 Meadows Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. Amicare is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Achieving Workforce Diversity through Affirmative Action.

**GRAYLING Nursing Centre**  
Professional Care, Personal Caring  
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### 4. Services Offered

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**ARE YOU IN NEED** of a Home Health Aide to care for your loved one at home? I am a Certified Nursing Assistant with 36 years experience. Certification in First Aid and CPR also. References available upon request. Rates well below agency fees. Call Sally Ann (989) 344-0354. (-9-16/4)

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### 7. Miscellaneous

**4 X 8 Lighted Signs** and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

### 8. Announcements

**MARGRETHEVILLE**  
Karaoke every Thursday starting at 8 p.m. Drink specials, great fun don't miss it. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-16/8)

### 4. Services Offered

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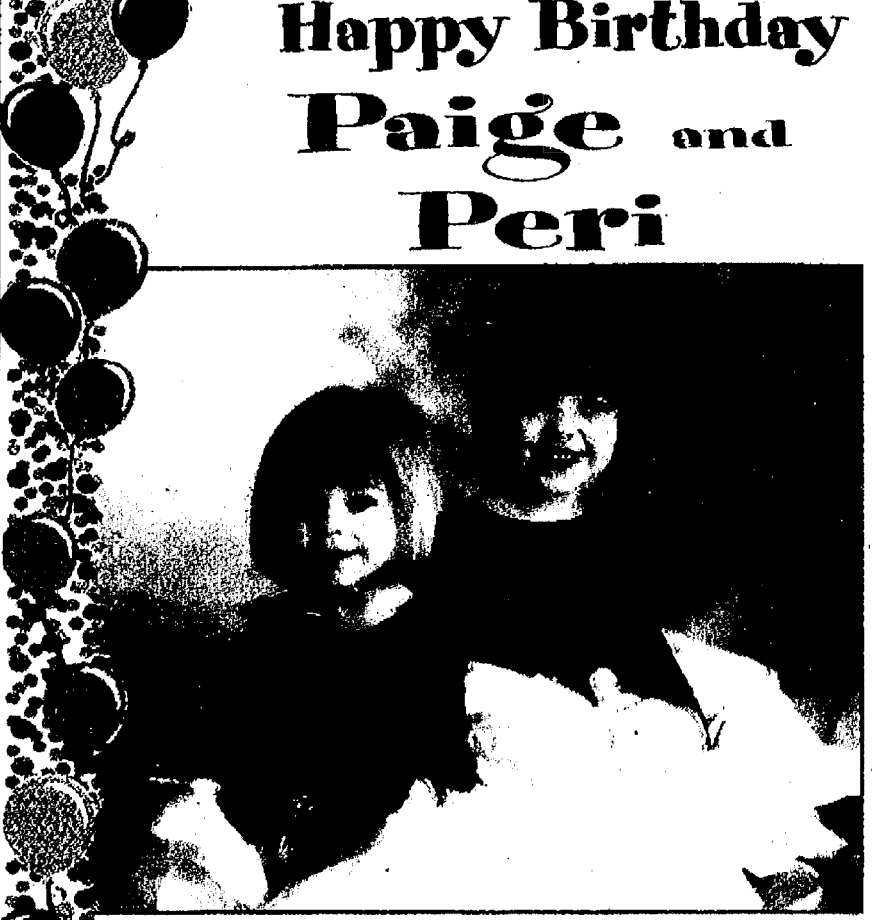
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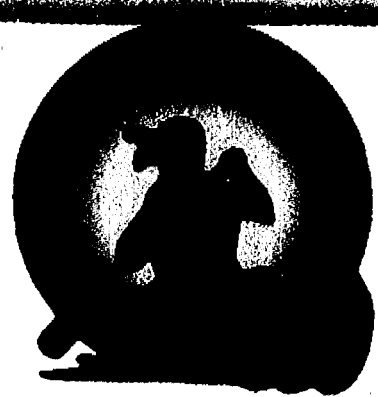
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## District faces tough choices

► 1991 school  
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by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education needs to trim the district's budget by at least \$700,000 for the next school year. The reasons for the shortfall are twofold.

First, the economy is not growing so the per pupil basic grant, will remain at \$6,700, at best. Second, the number of students in the district has dropped by 209 since September 1996.

Additionally, the 2003-04 kindergarten class is considerably smaller than Grayling High School's graduating class of 2003, therefore student count is expected to drop by approximately 50 more students.

The school board is currently looking for ways to cut the budget that will have the smallest impact on student learning.

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## Love of animals evident in artist's works

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Kim Diment has loved painting since she was a small girl. Her mother gave her paint and brushes when she was four and started her on her career as a wildlife artist.

She was also fortunate to have a teacher who took a special interest in her and helped foster her career.

Second grade teacher Peg Ridgeway was very interested in animals and helped spark the interest in Diment. She helped increase her love of art by having Diment make several bulletin boards dealing with animals for the classroom. Ridgeway also helped Diment set up her first art shows.

When Diment graduated from Oscoda High School, she went to Michigan State University where she majored in zoology and art.

During the time Diment was an art teacher in both Standish and Alpena school districts, she had a chance to go to Africa and has since returned to the continent seven times. For most of these trips to Africa she worked at a safari camp and during the times between safaris she took many photos.

Diment specializes in painting animals in their natural habitat which is why she uses photos. She photographs the animals

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Artist Kim Diment works on her most recent painting depicting three lions.

## Snowmobilers find lake ice too weak, too late

► Recovery efforts  
continue to locate  
brothers missing  
since Sunday night

Five snowmobilers were rescued and two are missing and presumed dead as a result of two incidents over the weekend where the men traveling on Houghton Lake were unaware of thin ice and open water ahead of them.

A trooper from the Michigan State Police Post in Houghton Lake was dispatched to the northwest corner of the lake around 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, January 11 in response to a report of five snowmobilers having gone through the ice. Lake Township Fire Department was also dispatched to the scene to provide water rescue if necessary.

Upon their arrival, they discovered all five men had been removed from the water. One man, Carl Bohm, age 23 of Midland, was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling and treated for a mild case of hypothermia.

Trooper Keith Toms was told that a group of six snowmobilers had been traveling on the frozen

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See "SNOWMOBILERS..."

## Numbers in on Phase II of state traffic enforcement campaign

by Cheryl Raley  
Staff Writer

Two drunk driving arrests were made by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies during Phase II of a holiday traffic enforcement campaign, sponsored by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

The "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" drunk driving awareness campaign ran from December 20, 2002 to January 5, 2003. While all three law enforcement agencies serving Crawford County were on the look-out for impaired or drunk drivers this past holiday season, the Sheriff's Office submitted its activity to the OHSP.

Prior to the special enforcement period, a statewide advertising campaign on television, radio and in the press warned drivers of the stepped up effort to catch and prosecute those driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his deputies contributed 208 total patrol hours to the campaign with the goal of keeping local roads safer, from just before Christmas and into the week following New Year's Day.

A total of 112 vehicles were stopped.

Of those 112 stops, two drivers were arrested for drunk driving. Wakefield said it is difficult for his department to make a substantial amount of drunk driving

arrests as his road patrol ends at midnight. "This leaves the Grayling Police to patrol the city and an occasional (Michigan) State Trooper to patrol the rest of the county after midnight, when most drunk drivers leave the bars or parties and head for home," Wakefield explained.

Statistics for the two-week period were not available from the Grayling Police Department or Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post.

Also as a result of the 112 stops, sheriff's officers issued one seat belt violation ticket (age 16 and over). Wakefield said he believes there was only one ticket written because awareness was raised during Phase I's "Click It or Ticket" seat belt law enforcement campaign. Speeding citations numbered 75, other moving violations totaled five, 30 non-moving violations were cited, and five felony and 17 misdemeanor arrests were made.

No "minor in possession" or MIP arrests were made during the campaign. Wakefield said he hopes this is a result of the recent effort to make the community more aware of the local underage drinking problem.

Even though the campaign is over, Wakefield said his office will continue to keep an eye out for drunk drivers and safety belt law violators in an effort to save lives in Crawford County.

## Trout Unlimited honors those who protect our rivers

The Grayling City Council and three individuals were given awards for their contributions to help preserve and enhance rivers at a recent meeting of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The Grayling City Council received the Rainbow Trout award given to a group that has made extraordinary contributions to the health of local rivers. The council received their award for their endorsement and significant financial support of the city storm water and surface run-off treatment project. Vice President Jim Powers said, "We salute the vision of the Grayling City Council, knowing their cooperation will help protect the AuSable River for generations to come."

Rusty Gates received the Brook Trout award presented to an area individual who has made extraordinary contributions to preserve the cold water fishery of the AuSable and Upper Manistee River watersheds. Gates activities include raising money for restoration projects, organizing the September AuSable River cleanup, supporting the white cedar tree planting program along the AuSable and contributing to the Manistee River restoration projects.

The two recipients of the Brown Trout award given to



Photo by Susan Warrington

Jim Powers (left), Vice President of the local Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, presents the plaque to Grayling Mayor Dave Wyman (right) for the support the City Council has given to help keep the AuSable River clean.

area professionals who have made extraordinary contributions are Ken Rouston and Susan Thiel. They are both employees of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources who have worked tirelessly for effective management of northern Michigan's natural resources. Rouston, in addition to his normal duties of forest management served on the Upper Manistee River Access Committee. His contri-

bution to the access management plan involved field studies of all access sites, including GPS coordinates, descriptions and photographs. He also helped develop maps for the watershed from Mancelona Road to M-66.

Thiel is Unit Manager of the Forest Management Division. Rivers in her management area include the Manistee River in Crawford County and most of the AuSable River watershed to

Lake Huron. She helped coordinate improvements to the Rayburn parcel including engineering for ADA parking and toilet facilities. She is now working on a single track, non-motorized pathway over the AuSable. She also served on the Upper Manistee River Access Committee helping with the coordination of the interactive database for all sites in the study.

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More than a dozen vehicles line Eagle Point Road near the shores of Lake Margrethe. Residents living on Eagle Point have reported ice fishermen using the public access area have been creating traffic congestion and blocking their mailboxes. The sheriff is asking for cooperation and courtesy from those parking there.

## Fishermen asked to be courteous to residents

► Eagle Point Rd. parking has caused residents to miss mail delivery

by Cheryl Ruley  
 Staff Writer

An Eagle Point Road resident brought the issue of a growing parking problem to the attention of Grayling Township officials and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office last week, complaining of blocked mailboxes and road congestion.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he understands the excitement of winter sports, including ice fish-

ing, but wants to remind those using road ends, such as Eagle Point Road, to take the time to show some courtesy to its residents.

"I, too, love the excitement of fishing on beautiful Lake Margrethe. I realize by getting all wrapped up in the excitement of fishing we can sometimes forget to be courteous to those that live near the lake year-round," Wakefield said. "But as you can see by this photo, recently submitted to my office, the parking problems are becoming abundant."

The Eagle Point Road resident presented photos and information at a meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on January 8. For at least two years, residents in the area have experienced occasional non-delivery of mail and newspapers due to vehicles blocking mailboxes and newspaper tubes. Driveways are also being blocked.

"When you block someone's mailbox, his or her mail does not get delivered that day," Sheriff Wakefield explained. "If this

was your mailbox and you did not receive your retirement check because a visiting fisherman had blocked your mailbox in, you would be upset."

"And, if you decided to go to the store one morning and found it difficult to get out of your driveway or garage, which was blocked by other vehicles, you would be upset." Not knowing whose vehicle is blocking a driveway and their location on the lake, in some instances, has made it impossible for residents to leave their driveways.

But Wakefield said the concerns go beyond mail delivery and blocked driveways. It's a matter of public safety.

"In the winter time many people burn wood," Wakefield said. "If a chimney or other fire occurred down one of these streets, the fire department would be hindered by this traffic congestion." He said there would be no easy or quick way to get the owners back to shore and remove the vehicles to allow sufficient access by fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

Noise has also been a complaint by local residents. "The fish begin biting early in the morning and this encourages fishermen to arrive and unload their three-wheelers and four-

wheelers very early," the sheriff said.

"The activity can wake up our slumbering friends and neighbors who live at the lake. So, with this in mind, along with many complaints called to my office, please use due care and caution and let's try to be more courteous to the folks that live near the lake year-round."

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said his Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in May to address the many issues facing residents of Lake Margrethe. Besides the parking problems at various road ends and boat launches, Wright said the issues of burning leaves and boaters speeding near the shore will also be discussed in the spring.

"We really need to get people together here at the township hall and discuss some solutions to some longtime problems. The people who live at the lake are very important to us, but we have to also remember we serve a total of 7,000 residents who also have concerns and the right to use the public waterways. We would like to hear from all sides of the issues."

"We all have to work together to make this a better place to live," said Sheriff Wakefield.

## Several county appointments expire in 2003

by Cheryl Ruley  
 Staff Writer

Several seats on a variety of committees overseen by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will expire this year and local residents are encouraged to apply for the positions.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said being part of a committee is a great way to get involved in decision-making which affects many facets of the entire community.

Coming up in 2003 are the following openings:

Building Authority, Construction Board of Appeals, North Central Community Mental Health, Compensation Committee, Housing Commission, Commission on Aging, Crawford County Transit Authority (Dial-A-Ride), Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Family Independence

Agency, Board of Canvassers (Elections), Library Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission.

Moore said while it can be helpful for applicants to have some experience or familiarity with the committee for which they apply, it is not a requirement.

Just having a genuine interest in a committee's area of concern is a good start for many applicants.

For example, those who love the library may want to apply for the library board and those concerned with the availability or quality of mental health services may wish to apply to serve with the local mental health agency.

For a complete list of upcoming board openings, length of terms, application deadlines or information on the application process, call Moore at 344-3200 or log on to the county's web site at [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org).

## Library Board elects new officers

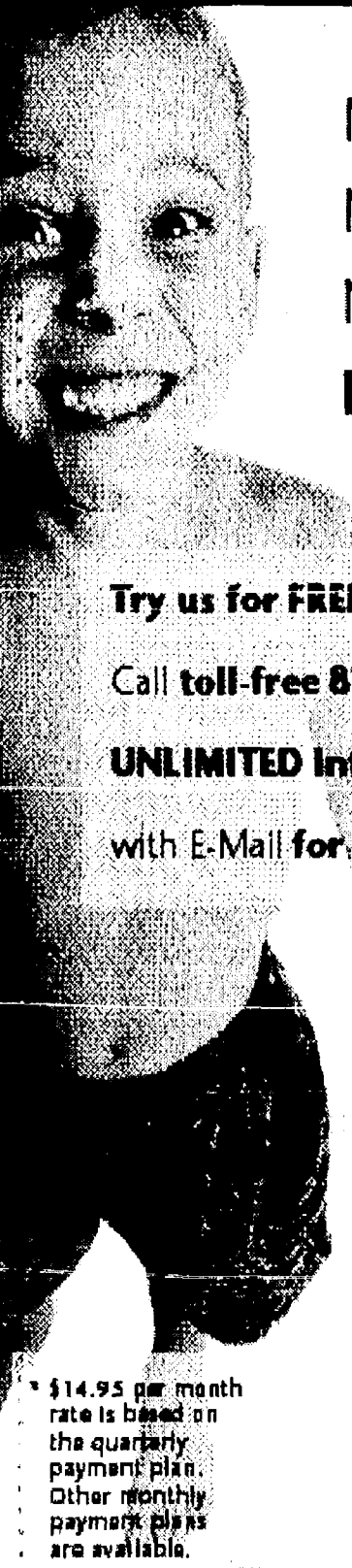
The Crawford County Library Board, which oversees operation of the one main library and three branch libraries, has elected new officers for 2003.

Board officers are: Sharon Hartman - President; Ray Priebe, Jr. - Vice President; Judy Morford - Secretary; Loretta Hassan - Finance; and Barbara Greene - Trustee.

Hartman's five-year appointment on the Board will expire October 31.

The Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

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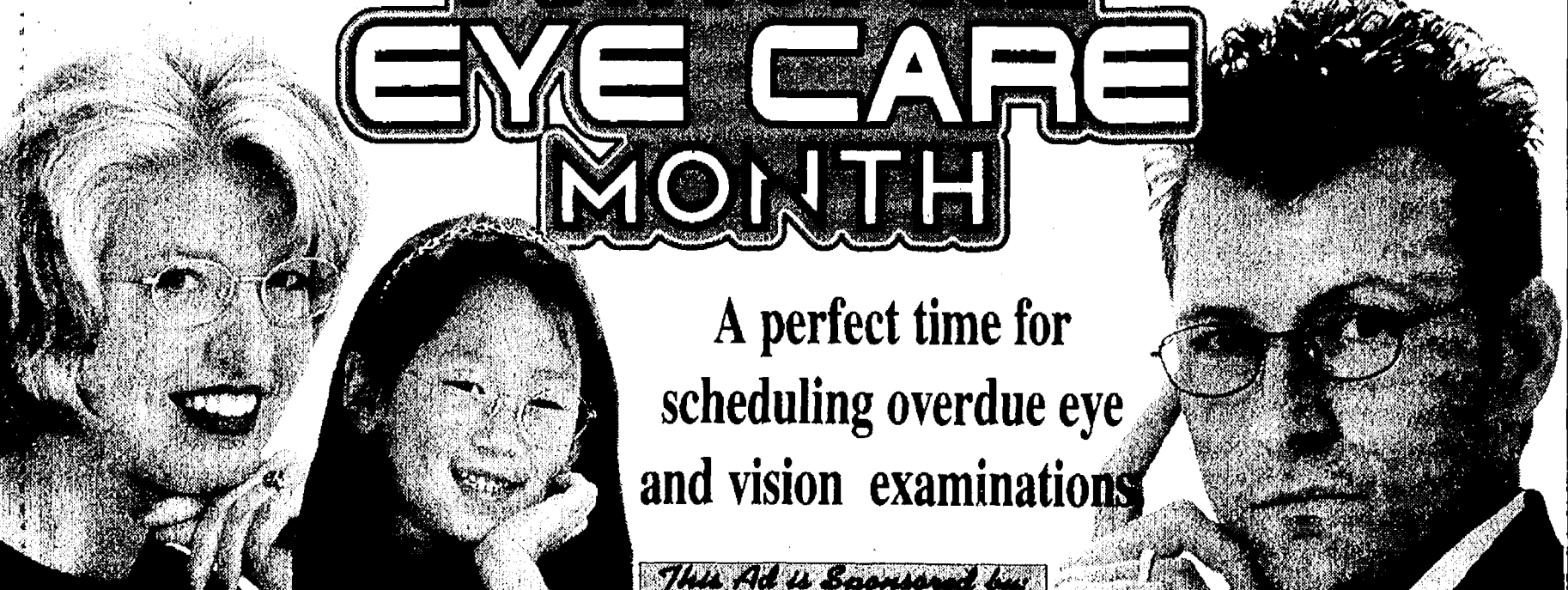
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## Winter weather stresses already tight budget

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

While the lack of 24-hour road patrol is a major concern for Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, money allocated for overtime pay is of greater immediate concern.

"The budget I was given to work with was set up for failure from the start," he said. "We have already used more than 89 percent of my overtime pay budget and it's only January. I don't know what is going to happen if there's a major emergency or if winter weather accidents and other mishaps cause me to call in more manpower at crucial times."

In fiscal year 2001, the Sheriff's Office was budgeted \$10,000 in overtime pay, but spent \$19,000. In 2002, Wakefield and Lovely managed to stay very close to their \$10,000 budget. However, Wakefield started fiscal year 2003 with only \$5,000 earmarked for overtime. About \$500 remains unused as of press time.

Former Sheriff Dave Lovely was forced to make line item adjustments to cover the cost of overtime by spending less in other areas of operation such as on equipment purchases and maintenance, and firing range training. But Wakefield said his budget has been cut to the bare bones and has no idea where he can make cuts without lay-offs.

Recent snowfalls have not stopped drivers from pushing the limits on slippery local roads and highways, thus pushing the local road officers' time to its limits, and providing a good example of how unpredictable the job of law enforcement can be.

For instance, this past weekend, Sheriff's officers and local towing companies were kept busy from the time snow started falling early on Friday through late Saturday night.

Saturday morning proved to be the most challenging, with pick-up trucks, most with snowmobile trailers in tow, running off north-

bound I-75 faster than deputies and tow truck drivers could possibly keep up.

"White-out" conditions were reported on the highway north of Grayling, while treacherous road surface conditions existed to the south.

At two different times Saturday morning, sheriff's officers Captain Art Clough and Deputy Conrad Niederhouse were forced to close down the highway or slow down traffic on northbound I-75 in order to clear the roadway of jack-knifed pick-ups, trailers and the snowmobiles they were hauling. At least eight snowmobiles were damaged in traffic mishaps that day. No injuries were reported.

Over 30 calls regarding accidents and vehicles off the road were handled by 911 Central Dispatch and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office beginning at 8:38 a.m. on Friday, January 10 and ending around 9:30 p.m. Saturday night. Twenty-one of the mishaps took place in the northbound lanes of I-75, as snowmobilers rushed to their destinations. Numerous tickets were issued to drivers who failed to drive properly for the road conditions.

When drivers travel too fast for road conditions and end up in ditches and highway medians, Wakefield said law enforcement gets bogged down answering the calls for help. This leaves dispatchers to perform a balancing act, delegating other types of calls to whatever law enforcement officer may be available at the time. Many calls are deemed non-emergency and must wait until an officer becomes available, but all life-threatening emergency calls are handled in an expeditious fashion.

When the load gets too heavy, the Sheriff calls in extra deputies. "It doesn't take much to eat up that overtime pay budget," Wakefield said, "because the job doesn't end out on the road for these guys. They have to write

accident reports and take care of other paperwork so that drivers can file insurance claims and get their vehicles fixed. Reports can take up a lot of valuable time, but they have to be completed."

To add to the Sheriff's woes, his patrol cars are quickly approaching the limited 100,000 odometer reading. By contract, sheriff's deputies do not have to partake in any high-speed pursuits in a vehicle driven more than 100,000 miles. They can, however, use them for normal patrol and routine calls, but no one can predict when a routine call will end in a chase with a dangerous suspect.

Wakefield said even though today's cars are built to last a bit longer than before, his employees really prefer not to drive the cars with over 100,000 miles on them because of the extensive wear and tear caused by traveling the county's unpaved roads and two-tracks while performing their duties. Winter driving conditions add to the toll. "Some of my patrol cars can really get beat to hell out there and all of us are a little leery of driving them, especially on long distance transports," Wakefield said.

No new vehicles were purchased during the 2002 fiscal year and none are budgeted for 2003, leaving Sheriff Wakefield to face some trying personnel issues.

He told the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at their January 8 Law Enforcement Committee meeting he may be forced to put two deputies in each car and/or send deputies home if their contract can't be changed to allow an extra 20,000 miles on each vehicle, similar to agreements in neighboring counties. Wakefield said he is afraid none of these options will be good for morale.

"We may be facing some really tough decisions in the near future," Wakefield said. "I know I can't afford to pay people to just sit in the office... and public safety can't afford that either."

## School counselor faces drunk driving charge

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Grayling man, known for years for delivering his anti-drug, anti-alcohol, and anti-violence messages to local school children, was arrested recently for allegedly driving drunk.

David "Clyde" Holzbauer, a guidance counselor who works for the Crawford AuSable Schools at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools, waived his right to an arraignment on Tuesday, January 14 in 83rd District Court, following his arrest just before 7 p.m. on January 3. He is expected back in

court later this month for a pre-trial conference and preliminary examination.

Holzbauer writes, performs, and produces motivational songs on tapes and CDs distributed regularly to elementary school children in the Crawford AuSable School District as part of its social skills curriculum. He also sings and plays the guitar during sing-a-longs at school assemblies that include D.A.R.E. programs.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said 51-year old Holzbauer is not a member of his office's D.A.R.E. team, but said he believes Holzbauer "does a

great job with the younger kids."

Court records show Holzbauer was stopped for alleged speeding on January 3 near AuSable Trail and M-72 West. A subsequent breath test administered by the Sheriff's department showed Holzbauer had an alleged .20 alcohol level, twice the legal limit.

School superintendent Milli Haug, who oversees personnel issues for the district, said last week she could not comment at this time regarding Holzbauer's alleged drunk driving or his involvement with the social skills curriculum in the schools.

## Rep. Gillard sworn in, ready to tackle issues

LANSING — State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) was sworn in as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives on January 8 and announced the opening of his office in Lansing. Gillard is beginning his first term in the Michigan House.

"It's time to get to work," said Gillard last Wednesday.

"The state is facing a number of challenges right now -- creating and keeping jobs, the outrageous cost of prescription drugs and health care, and making sure the employee pensions are protected from corporate raiders, just to

name a few. We are going to have to reach across the aisle to find common solutions to these problems, and that starts today."

Gillard represents the 106th District, which includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Oscoda, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. The 92nd Michigan Legislature will resume session on January 28.

"We have to make sure that we get northern Michigan working again," said Gillard.

"Unemployment in our region remains above the national average, and I plan on making the creation of new jobs and the reten-

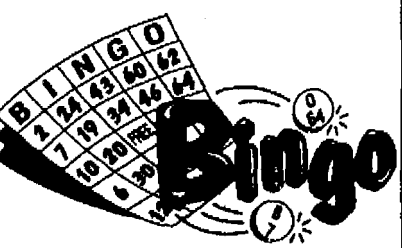
tion of the jobs we already have a number one priority."

Gillard's office is located in room S-1485 of the Anderson House Office Building. He can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909; by phone at (517) 373-0833; by fax at (517) 373-8446; and by e-mail at Mjgillard@house.mi.gov.

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Freshman State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) is sworn into office on January 8. He said he is ready to serve his constituents in the 106th District.



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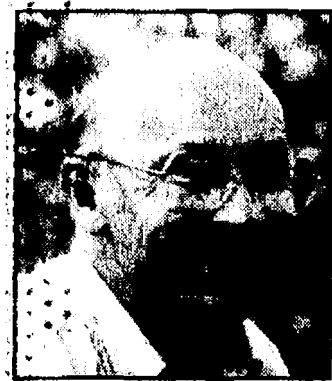
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Governor John Engler will not be forgotten

BEAL CITY FARM boy John Engler at year's end finally has left Michigan's state capital after 32 years in office, but the memory will linger for many years. Mr. Engler plotted his entry into Michigan government and politics while he still was a student at Michigan State University. First step: The Michigan legislature. So John Engler challenged a well-established Republican incumbent representative, Rep. Russell Strange of Mt. Pleasant, and won the GOP primary in 1970 at age 21. The rest is history. That initial venture into elective politics in 1970 displayed certain traits which Mr. Engler followed throughout his career -- careful advance planning, unafraid to tackle the status quo, and work hard to accomplish

goals. Once in office, including governor, he operated the same way -- planning, boldness and hard work. Mr. Engler was not a do-nothing governor. Quite the contrary, he accomplished a lot, and failed at very few initiatives. He leaves behind on the Michigan political scene a host of friends and a host of enemies, and not many people in between. HIS RECORD AS governor emphasized educational spending reforms and improved classroom performance. John Engler has been a national leader in welfare reform, reduced a lot of taxes -- and raised some, too -- and experimented time and again in reorganizing state government agencies and activities.

He's proud of his steps to improve the economic climate in Michigan, and boasts of job creation and lower unemployment lists. In all these areas, there is plenty of truth. However, there's a "Yeah, but ..." codicil on many... How one views John Engler and his record in state government generally is guided by how his programs and his actions have directly affected the person making the judgement. The philosophical orientation of his supporters and detractors usually makes a difference, too. For example, James Barrett, president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, praises John Engler for encouraging jobs and investment in Michigan, while Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO, blames him for higher taxes and tougher

benefit rules for workers... SOME OPINIONS seem uniform. He was tough, resourceful, effective. "Principled, partisan, pragmatic and polarizing, Engler never stopped trying to change things...it's not likely Michigan will ever again see the likes of John Engler," editorialized *The Detroit Free Press*. "There's nobody that's been like him. Engler was just a force of nature when it came to asserting his will and his patience," said Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*. "He was a pragmatist, but his pragmatism was always in service to a broader vision," wrote Thomas Bray, *Detroit News* columnist. What do I think of John Engler and his record? I'm one of the

few who has followed his career who's in the middle on John Engler. I consider myself neither a friend nor a foe. John Engler probably will get more credit for the good things his administration accomplished, and too much blame for anything bad. He was an astute politician, and thoroughly Republican. From the time he became Senate majority leader in the early 1980's right through the day he left the capital, he worked to mold and control the Michigan Republican party. Of course, changes in political philosophy were following a national trend toward conservatism during those years. His effect on Michigan's economy was distinct, but the entire nation enjoyed booming economic times during the 1990's. Michigan rode that tide, too. Mr.

Engler does not deserve all the credit. Just so, the deficits and slashed spending Mr. Engler leaves behind for the new governor also are reflected in other states. Mr. Engler's not completely at fault. John Engler's Michigan legacy has yet to be decided. History is like that. It should only be written long after the fact, by people who were not involved personally but who can stand back and view what happened in a detached way. One thing is for certain: We will not soon forget Governor John Engler and the things he did for -- and to -- Michigan and its people. Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Frederic handed seven 'breaches of faith'

To the editor and citizens of Crawford County, Here we go again! "Frederic Elementary to be Closed." Let me explain why this should never happen. Let's go back to the years of 1964 to 1966. Because Grayling School was in financial trouble, school officials courted citizens of Frederic proposing that the high school systems be consolidated. Frederic had a small enrollment in high school and also had a large tax base, which consisted of the townships of Frederic, Maple Forest and Loyells, as well as Waters in Otsego County. Frederic School had no bond debt. Grayling had a large high school enrollment, a large bond debt, and not enough capital to run the new high school which was going to be built. At this time, though Frederic had no bond debt, monies banked, and plenty of monies for operating kindergarten through twelfth grades, citizens were aware that general math, algebra, geometry and trigonometry were taught in consecutive years, not yearly. A freshman might come in the second year or third year of the sequence and have to wait two years to get general math. The same was true for the science classes. For this reason I supported the consolidation of our high schools. Because of subsequent events, I regret that I did. The agreement to consolidate was as follows: Frederic School would retain their K through eighth grades and

Grayling School would retain their own K through eighth grades. The high schools would consolidate in the 1966-67 school year, as Crawford-AuSable School. One school board would oversee the schools. Frederic would assume the bond for the high school in four years. (Monies transferred to Crawford-AuSable School District from the consolidation and transfer would allow this.) • The first breach of faith with this agreement seemed apparent when Grayling dominated the sign at the Crawford AuSable High School. Frederic students wondered, wasn't this supposed to be their high school too? • Second breach of faith - the bond was assessed to our late school district in two years instead of four years. • Third breach of faith - monies for maintenance of our old high school, which now housed our junior high was reduced until the historic building was not safe and was demolished. • Fourth breach of faith - Frederic seventh and eighth graders were forced to move to the Grayling junior high, which was not in the consolidation agreement. • Fifth breach of faith - Crawford AuSable needed monies to operate. The millage was turned down by voters, so the school board closed Frederic Elementary School for the entire 1981-82 school year. Parents of pupils in Frederic Elementary, as well as other residents who remembered our agreement,

protested. We knew this agreement had been in written form, and we wanted to see consolidation papers. However, to our total amazement and consternation, the consolidation agreement had disappeared from the safe housed in the Crawford AuSable School District office (White House). How can such an important document, which contained transfer of lands, buildings, monies and agreements signed by two school boards disappear or disintegrate from or in a safe? To date, no one has an answer. • Sixth breach of faith - Frederic sixth and seventh graders were transferred to Grayling Middle School which was not in the consolidation agreement. In 1991 the Crawford AuSable School Board passed a resolution stating (among other things) that the Frederic Elementary School shall remain open until there are not enough pupils. Like our school board in the 1960's, they were concerned that Frederic School remain a living entity of learning. • Seventh breach of faith - Superintendent Milli Haug, proposes transfer of all Frederic Elementary students to Grayling Elementary. This, of course, was not in the consolidation agreement. Two years ago Crawford AuSable school officials were cognizant of money shortage. Two years ago the same officials were aware of the declining

enrollment figures. Even though there was awareness of shortage and enrollment change, there was neither a hiring freeze nor cut-backs and this year new positions were filled. This leads me to believe that closing Frederic Elementary School has been considered for at least two years. Our Superintendent of Schools does not recognize any of the agreements or resolutions. Though the consolidation agreements and resolution were explained to her in two Michigan newspapers, she is still proposing that Frederic Elementary School be closed. Like the Constitution of the United States, the consolidation agreement between citizens of Frederic and Grayling is a series of resolutions. Resolutions in the Constitution of the United States have been upheld by the highest court in the land. Resolutions made by the school board members of a small community should not be taken lightly nor ignored. Because to lose your community school is to lose your community's identity, I ask for support of all citizens in the Crawford AuSable School District. Help our Frederic community to keep our school and to preserve our identity. Please urge our School Board members to honor agreements and resolutions created (and accepted by) their predecessors in good faith. To do so is morally and legally correct. Clem Sajdak Frederic

## Frederic contributes plenty of taxes to keep school open

To the editor, I would like to inform everyone that I have found some misleading information that was given out at the January 6, 2003 meeting held at the Frederic Elementary School. We were told since Proposal A passed that the school district only collects money from the voters for the school debt and that was all. That is about half correct. In the tax year 2001 Frederic Township (only) collected \$185,682.47 for the school debt. Crawford AuSable Schools also received an additional \$397,584.96 that went directly to the school for non-homestead tax. This year, to date, Frederic Township has collected for the school debt \$202,560.44 up through January 8, 2003. The school also received to date \$435,691.41 for non-homestead tax. Where is this non-homestead being spent? That is \$638,251.85 from Frederic Township land owners and this year's tax season is not over yet. These figures are from Frederic Township. What is being collected from Grayling Township, the City of Grayling, Maple Forest Township, Lovells Township, South Branch Township, and Beaver Creek Township? This money is in addition to the \$6,700 the school district receives per student from the state. The federal government

also allocates monies for all school districts. All the information I have included in this letter was received by the Freedom of Information Act, collected from the Frederic Township Treasurer. Anyone wishing to have this information, please contact your local township treasurer. Money could be saved by eliminating or combining some of the positions like a curriculum director, food director, a full time athletic director, an assistant band director (why?). These are just a couple of cuts that could be made. Why do the AuSable Primary and the Grayling Elementary need two separate principals and two separate office staffs? Could one principal and one office staff handle the work? There are so many cuts that could be made instead of closing the Frederic Elementary School. Each school could cut \$140,000 out of its budget by either combining jobs and duties or laying some people off. They (school board) could cut even more money out of the budget if they close the "White House" and move the "White House" staff to the Grayling Elementary School where they have open rooms. This would save the heating cost of the "White House." Since the school is already being heated for school, there would be no additional cost to heat. Douglas J. Pratt Frederic Township Taxpayer

## Current class sizes at Frederic no justification

To the editor, As citizens of Crawford County and residents of Frederic, we are distressed about the proposal to close Frederic Elementary School. When the school district was consolidated in the 60s, it was with the agreement Frederic would always have its own elementary school. There is no way a consolidation issue would have ever passed in Frederic without our elementary school. The 1991 School Board passed and signed a resolution promising Frederic Elementary School would remain open after consolidation of the Crawford County schools. However, on January 6, 2003 the current superintendent, Ms. Haug, asserted she is justified in closing the school, stating,

"Frederic Elementary School will remain open as long as the school population in the... attendance area continues to require at least one classroom per grade level." Ms. Haug contends there are not enough children at Frederic to constitute one class per grade level. No one has determined how many children are required before a group of students can be called a class. In fact, many educators believe "one on one" is a perfect learning situation. Current class size is not justification for closing Frederic's elementary school. We believe the current actions and inactions by the administration and the school board are harmful to the district as a whole and especially to the children.

Research shows student achievement in small schools is often superior to achievement in large schools. In addition, a large body of research in the affective and social realms overwhelmingly affirms the superiority of small schools. (Kathleen Cotten, ERIC Digest, December, 1996.) The choices made mirror our image of the society into which children are thrust. What message do students receive when their own community school is no longer considered valuable? Learning and the human spirit are intertwined. (Jim Cummins, educator and author.) Education professionals and experts agree that smaller class sizes, strong principals, and parental involvement are the keys

to successful elementary schools. Though Frederic Elementary School has been denied of late a strong principal, we are proud of the quality of people who support our school, and grateful for small class sizes. We appreciate the overall success of people that are Frederic alumni. Please honor the resolutions made by past school board members, and do not support those who would close Frederic Elementary School. For our part, we will do what we can to ensure our children's potentials are not diminished. We pledge our time and efforts in a volunteer capacity to help keep Frederic Elementary School open. Joan Kaiser, Dianne Thomas Frederic

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# BRIEFS

## Chamber to present annual awards

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Awards Night in conjunction with the January Business After Hours on Thursday, January 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Sponsors for the event are the Grayling Youth Booster Club and Milltown Title and Escrow Company. Awards to be presented are 2002 Citizen of the Year, Silver Lining Award, and the ATHENA Award (sponsored by Scheer Motors). Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Admission is \$5 and the Chamber requests an RSVP by 5 p.m. on January 22. Call 348-2921.

## Card party, luncheon scheduled

The Ladies of St. Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, January 22 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located on Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome for more information, call 348-9169.

## Seniors: get help with tax preparation

AARP representative Bob Knight will be teaching a four-day class, beginning Tuesday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on income tax preparation. Classes will be held at the Crawford County Commission on Aging's (COA) Senior Center on Lawndale in Grayling. Any seniors interested should feel free to attend. For more information, call the Center at 348-7123.

## Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will reopen Tuesday, January 21 for regular business hours.

## K of C to host Free Throw Contest

The Grayling Knights of Columbus will host its annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls, ages 10 to 14 years, on Saturday, January 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School gym. For more information, contact Bill Nielson at 348-4441.

## Sheriff offers snowmobile safety class

Anyone interested in obtaining a snowmobile safety certificate who is 12 years of age or older is invited to attend a snowmobile safety class. The program is being conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at the County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling, on Saturday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class size is limited to the first 40 students to register. Sign up as soon as possible. Participants should bring a bag lunch, including something to drink, and your Social Security number. For more information, or to register, contact Deputy Herman at 344-3565 or Deputy Alexander at 348-4616, ext. 333.

## Three Men and a Tenor to perform

The a cappella quartet, Three Men and a Tenor, will perform on Tuesday, January 21 (please note date change) in the Evergreen Room of the Grayling Holiday Inn, as part of the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program. Three Men and a Tenor offer a family-oriented program with a great mix of harmony and humor, featuring songs from the 1930s through the 1990s. There is something for people of all ages. This is the second event in the Command Performance Series and includes a dinner of either stuffed chicken or prime rib, plus mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 each (including tax and tip) and can be purchased at the Crawford AuSable Schools' Administrative Office, 403 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call 348-7146. This event is funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and by a partnership with local businesses and individuals.

## Rural economic development forums planned this month

State and federal agencies in Michigan have planned four regional economic development forums directed at rural communities.

The forums will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 30 in Alpena and Escanaba, and on January 31 in Harrison and Battle Creek. Rural Partners of Michigan is sponsoring the forums with state and federal agencies presenting information on the economic development resources available to rural communities.

"These forums will include several of Michigan's major state and federal economic development agencies. It will provide a unique opportunity for local officials and economic development strategists to meet with all of these agencies in one place," said Tom Guthrie, chairman of Rural Partners.

The agencies participating in the forums include: the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, and Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems.

The forums will also feature an expert on rural economic issues from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City who will appear via live interactive video broadcast.

The cost to attend one of the forums is \$10, which includes lunch.

For more information about these forums or for registration information, call USDA Rural Development at (517) 324-5204.

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**Grayling Youth Booster Club**  
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**Grayling Rotary Calendar**  
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December, 2002 - Mara Hallett, Nancy Wells, Bob Wakeley, Kathy Dobry.

**Grayling Rotary Pot of Gold**  
Week of January 8 - \$100 - Jacquelin Smith, \$50 - Chet Wheeler, \$25 - Rick Hacker.

## Over 60 expected to race in Sno\*Drift Pro Rally



Rally cars like the one shown here are scheduled to participate in the two-day Sno\*Drift Pro Rally next Friday, January 24 starting in Lewiston. This is the first event in the SCCA's Pro Rally series of events.

"Real cars, on real roads, going real fast" -- that's a quick definition of a SCCA Pro Rally and there is one going to be held next weekend starting in Lewiston.

The Sno\*Drift Pro Rally is the first event in a series scheduled from January through October in the states of Michigan, Maine, Oregon, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Washington.

The January 24-25 rally starts in downtown Lewiston on Friday. Cars will be on display from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cars start leaving the starting line at 3:01 p.m. in one minute intervals; service crews remain behind. Sixty - 70 entries into the road rally are expected.

Drivers and co-drivers, driving modified production automobiles, will return to Lewiston for service twice after flat out racing on local limited access roads, blocked off from all other traffic.

The racers will restart Saturday morning in Atlanta at 8 a.m. and will return to Atlanta for service during the day. The

finish is in Hillman early Saturday evening.

"This is a race run in stages, for high performance, production-based cars with a driver-navigator team, over closed sections of public road, one car at a time, against the clock," described Sno\*Drift Pro Rally Lewiston Liaison Kent Balogh. "They will run six stages on Friday, and 11 on Saturday.

Performance or Stage Rallying (other names for Pro Rally) is the largest spectator motorsport in the world. Millions of people line the roads to watch it worldwide. Major car makers sponsor works teams to contest titles here and abroad in the World Rally Championship.

Designated spectator areas will be set up both days and viewing is free to the public. Teams from all over the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and several European countries will be competing. "It will be exciting to watch," said Balogh.

For more information, log on to [www.sno-drift.org](http://www.sno-drift.org).

## Auditions upcoming for production of 'Stuart Little'

Crosstrails Community Theater will hold auditions for its winter production of "Stuart Little" on Sunday, January 19 at 1 p.m. at Fitch's School of Dance, 224 South Walnut in Kalkaska.

Auditioners, ages eight to 80, should bring a poem, paragraph, or other short item to read for the audition, and be prepared to read a selection from the script, which will be provided by the director.

The play includes more than 27 parts, including key characters and extras. Rehearsals will be held three nights per week until the date of the play. Performances will be held in the Kalkaska High School auditorium on March 21 and 22, and in Mancelona at Concord Academy Antrim Community Arts Auditorium on March 28 and 29.

The production is a collaboration between Crosstrails Community Theater and Antrim Regional Theater. Michael Eddy will direct.

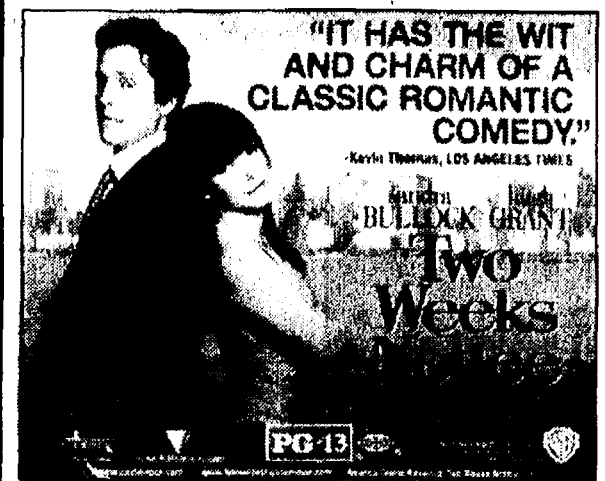
The project is sponsored by Pathways Arts Council/Center of Kalkaska, and funded, in part, by a grant from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and community and corporate contributions.

For more information, call Pathways at (231) 258-8697 or

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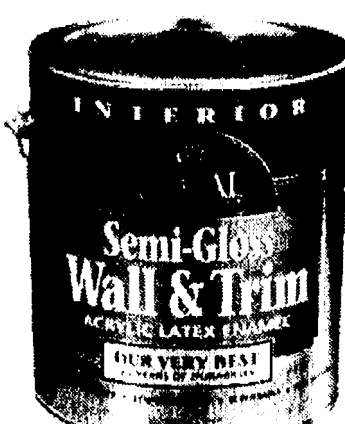
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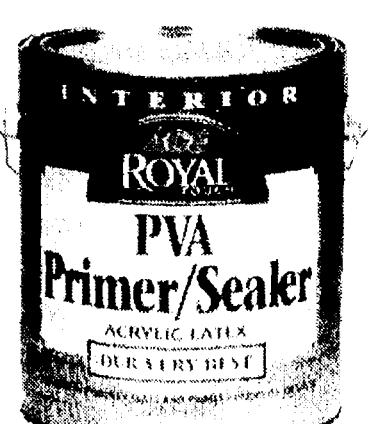
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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Fight for God

As we saw last week, former President Ronald Reagan assumed a personal responsibility for fighting world communism because of his strong faith in God. Again we reference this review to quotes from Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer.

First, Reagan did not seek this war. It was forced upon him because of his strong convictions. Schweizer titled the first chapter of his book, One-man Battalion out of respect for Reagan's rise to the battle. The Communist Party had targeted Hollywood since 1935. They had a vision of controlling this greatest medium of communication. They took control of the Screenwriters Guild, the Screen Actors Guild (SAG). Schweizer quoted director Philip Dunne as saying, "All over town the industrious Communist tail wagged the lazy liberal dog." Ronald Reagan and other conservatives resigned from the organization.

Reagan learned the evil of Communism first hand as he was forced to cross their violent picket lines, hire guards to protect his family, and carry a .32 Smith & Wesson for defense. He was branded a "fraud", "opportunist", "anti-Communist stooge" and "Fascist" as he stood fearlessly against them. Gene Kelly nominated Reagan to serve as SAG president in an attempt

to oppose Communist control. Reagan took over the divided group. He also became a secret informant for the FBI to help fight Communism. Rather than having a secret agenda, Reagan pushed for the adoption of a resolution declaring no Communist Party member could be an officer of the Guild.

On September 25, 1947 Reagan was subpoenaed to appear before the Un-American Activities Committee of the U.S. Congress which was conducting hearings on communism in Hollywood. Quentin Reynolds of Collier's wrote of Reagan's testimony, "Intelligent Ronald Reagan stole the show from his better known colleagues. Reagan, it was obvious, had done a great deal of thinking on the subject in question." (In contrast the liberals would try later to label him as a dummy?)

Reagan believed communism thrived only by secrecy, threats, and deceit. Reagan was impressed by the Crusade for Freedom formed in 1950 and supported by the CIA to promote Radio Free Europe. The American Liberty Bell was their symbol, and their slogan was "That this world under God shall have a new birth of freedom." Reagan believed communism was evil and should be confronted head-on. He believed force was the only law the communists understood. He said in 1963 that the communist nations would become "unhinged" if they tried to keep up

with U.S. military superiority. He rejected the ideas of containment, peaceful co-existence, détente, mutual accommodation, and other forms of compromise, believing they would eventually bring an ultimatum from the communists for our surrender. As Reagan said, "I think on our side is civilization and on the other side is the law of the jungle. We all have to recognize that this country has been handed the responsibility, greater than any nation in history, to preserve some 6,000 years of civilization against the barbarians." Now we face new barbarians! Pastor "B"

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## First stages of Geography Bee completed



**Grayling Middle School Geography Bee top three finishers received certificates and cash prizes. Jacob Aubry finished in first, Ryan Cooper took second, and Brad McDonald earned the third place title.**

In December, all Grayling Middle School students participated in the National Geography Bee in their social studies classes.

Students answered seven questions dealing with national and world geography. The student with the most correct answers in each class advanced to the semi-final round.

During the semi-final round, classroom winners competed to make it into the top 10.

On December 18, 2002, the final competition was held. Ten students were asked to answer such questions as, "Name the major city in Georgia that

was captured and burned to the ground by Union forces under General Sherman in 1864." (Atlanta), and, "The Deccan Plateau makes up much of the peninsula of which country?" (India).

The third place finisher and winner of \$10 was Brad McDonald; second place and winner of \$15 was Ryan Cooper; and the 2002 Grayling Middle School Geography Bee Champion was Jacob Aubry.

Aubry will take a written test in January which, once sent in, will determine his eligibility for advancement to the state round of competition.

### The Prayer That Lasts A Lifetime

No, this does not mean that you will never have to remember to say your prayers again. Prayer should be something we desire to do often...just as we pick up the phone to call a friend. In fact, God is our best friend. The prayer we refer to herein is the "show me how to" prayer, as opposed to the "I want it and I need it now" prayer.

Harold Kushner observed... "People who pray for miracles usually don't get miracles...but people who pray for courage, for strength to bear the unbearable, for the grace to remember what they have left instead of what they have lost, very often find their prayers answered. Their prayers helped them tap hidden reserves of faith and courage that were not available to them."

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Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:45-56	Mark 7:1-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:1-13	Mark 8:14-26	Mark 8:27-9:1

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## Band students chosen for MSU Honors Band



Photo courtesy of Mary Heinlein

GHS Viking Band members traveled to East Lansing, January 3-5, after being chosen to participate in the Michigan State Honors Band. Participating were, from left, Jason Henning, Kip Franklin, Ken Heinlein, Todd Gaffke and Mallory Olson.

Five Grayling High School (GHS) Band students recently participated in the Michigan State Honors Band held on the Michigan State University (MSU) campus in East Lansing.

The group consisting of Todd Gaffke, Ken Heinlein, Jason Henning, Kip Franklin and Mallory Olson arrived at MSU Friday evening, January 3 and put in a full day's rehearsal on Saturday, held short rehearsals

on Sunday, and were ready for performances late Sunday afternoon, January 5.

To become part of the Honors Band, these students prepared with their GHS directors a taped audition which was mailed to MSU. Only 87 students throughout Michigan were selected from a pool of more than 175 musicians.

The GHS musicians presented a selection of ensembles and an

all-band concert at the Wharton Center in East Lansing.

"They were all fantastic ambassadors for both the Grayling Viking Band and Grayling itself," said GHS Band Director David Gott. "There were many members of this (MSU) honors band that had never heard of Grayling before... I'm sure that our students left a positive impression of our community as a whole."

## Kirtland Theatre to present 'Love Letters'

► Dinner theatre production offered just in time for Valentine's Day

The Theatre Arts Department at Kirtland Community College has recently finished casting the dinner theatre production of "Love Letters" to be performed February 14-16.

This production is intended for a PG-13 audience and will be presented at the Northern Lights Lounge at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake.

The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15, with cash bar cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the evening performances are \$25 per person or a Dinner/Show/Standard Room package for two at \$109.95.

Then on Sunday, February 16, there will be a luncheon performance at 12 noon, with the show

at 1 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon show are \$19.95 per person.

"Love Letters" will feature Jerry Weple of Roscommon as "Andrew Makepeace Ladd III" and Carole Phillips of Grayling as "Melissa Gardner." The story revolves around several decades of love letters shared between these two people from their

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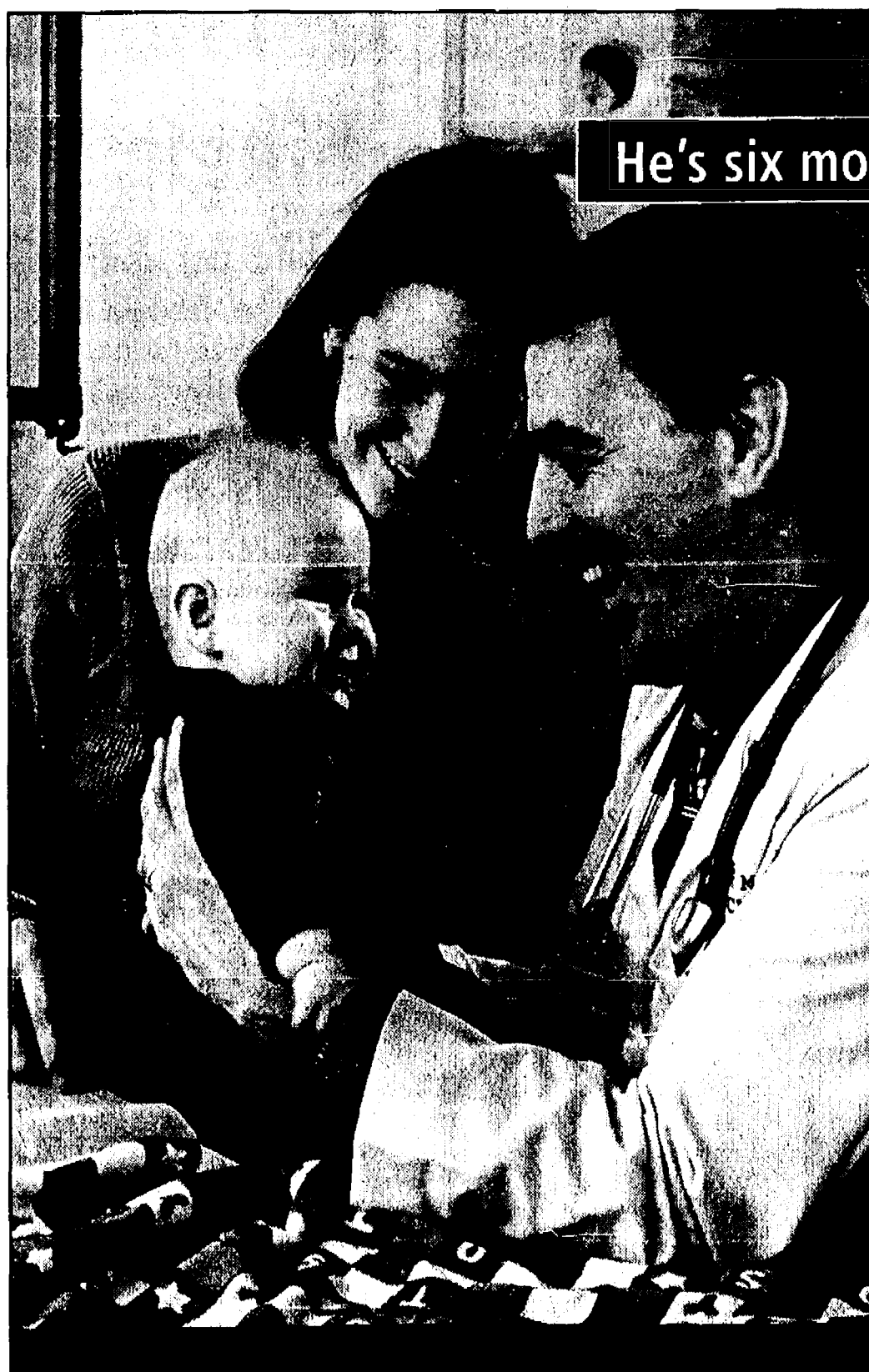
## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 93 complaints the week of January 6-12:

Twenty-six traffic accidents, 15 non-traffic accidents, one traffic policing, one traffic safety public appearance, two accidents - all other, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, 11 general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, three larceny;

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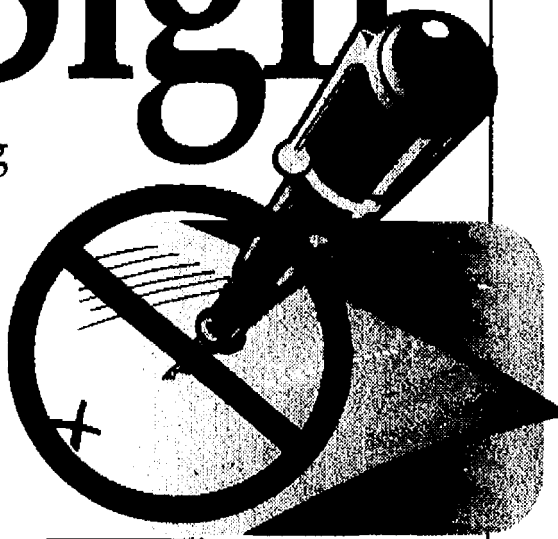
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## District faces tough choices

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Reductions in staff will be accomplished primarily by attrition -- not replacing all who retire or resign.

Other options include closing the administration building, closing Frederic Elementary, changing/cutting transportation, cutting extracurriculars, cutting academic programs, and/or delaying equipment replacement.

Superintendent Milli Haug has already met with concerned citizens in Frederic to discuss the possible closing of Frederic Elementary for at least one year. At the January 6 meeting she said there were no easy cuts and, no matter what the board decided, it would be a painful procedure.

Several people at the meeting mentioned a resolution signed in 1991 by the school board for the purpose of setting criteria for keeping the school open. The resolution, follows in its entirety (except for signatures):

Crawford AuSable School

District Resolution  
August 19, 1991

Frederic Elementary School  
WHEREAS: Concern has been expressed within the Frederic Community regarding the fate of the Frederic Elementary School should the September 25 bond issue for an additional elementary school in Grayling pass and;  
WHEREAS: The district did close the Frederic Elementary School during a financial crisis for the 1981-82 school year and;  
WHEREAS: There is a belief within the Frederic Community that should the above mentioned reduction take place and enrollments decline, the district will close the Frederic Elementary to save money and;  
WHEREAS: The small cost savings resulting from closing the Frederic Elementary would be offset by increases in busing costs and negative feelings with the Frederic Community and'

WHEREAS: Several improvements to the Frederic Elementary will be funded by the bond issue including a new roof over the older section, energy efficiency improvements, open classroom enclosures, and playground and parking improvements and;  
WHEREAS: The Frederic Elementary School is an important source of community identity and pride within that community.  
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Frederic Elementary School will remain open as long as the school age population in the Frederic Elementary attendance area continues to require at least one classroom per grade level and;  
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education pledges continuation of excellent educational programming at the Frederic Elementary School.



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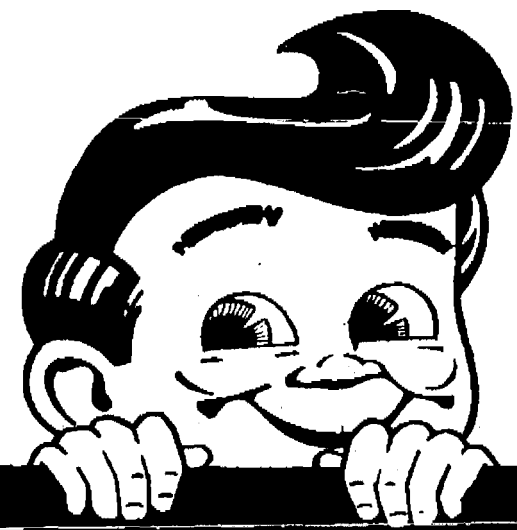
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# Kids ask: What in the world should I do?

Students in the Phoenix Program at Grayling Middle School have spent the last six weeks learning about careers and job choices. Students took an "interest inventory," matching their hobbies and interests with jobs.

The students then researched careers and wrote essays on their fields of choice.

Part of the unit involved three job shadowing Fridays. Each of the ten students in the program were assigned a different job site to visit for the morning. Students returned to school to write thank-you cards and to write about their experiences.

"It's fun," said Keith Revord. "I learned a lot about jobs that I didn't know." Brandon Piehl added, "It was cool. You get to learn more about working at a place than you would just walking in there every day. You got to see what you would like or not like about a job."

The Phoenix students said they appreciate all the businesses and people who spent time with them and answered their many questions. Those who helped out included The Cottage, Grayling Car Care, Grayling Hospital for Animals, WGRY Radio, Glen's Family Market, Milltown Groomers, Camp Grayling/ MATES, Grayling Restaurant, Grayling Auto Repair, Flo Lucksted at AuSable Primary School, Dawn Feldhauser at Grayling Elementary School, Rich Moffitt and Becky Brown at Grayling High School, AuSable Day Care, and Deputy Randy Herman.

The students will continue to work on job skills as they write personal resumés, fill out job applications, practice interview skills, learn about budgeting an income, and taxes.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Middle School Phoenix Program

Grayling Hospital for Animals' Jamie McGuire shows a Phoenix Program student some of the aspects of her job as a veterinary assistant. Fringe benefits include many warm, fuzzy and friendly encounters with local pets.



Another Phoenix student got a taste of the world of radio broadcasting with a trip to local station WGRY.

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## Pet grooming business has new owner

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Darlene's Milltown Groomer, Inc. opened for business recently when Darlene Kopko purchased Milltown Groomer from Ward Parker. Parker wanted to sell the business to Kopko because of the love and empathy Kopko shows for animals. Kopko said she feels very lucky to work with pets and makes sure each animal is given a lot of tender loving care, in fact she says she likes to treat them like babies.

Kopko said it is best that the first grooming experience occurs when the pet is around 10 to 12 weeks old. Grooming should be done on a regular basis, every six to eight weeks depending on the length of the coat. Kopko offers bathing, brushing, nail cuts, flea

baths and a variety of cuts for the coat whether just a trim to shorten hair for the summer or show cuts.

Kopko currently has two groomers and plans to add a third in the spring. She also plans to have pet accessories available and to offer several specials to customers.

Darlene's Milltown Groomer's Inc. is located west of town at 6405 M-72 and is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Typically it takes two to four hours for grooming and several owners drop off their pets on the way to work or shopping and pick them up at the end of the day. For more information call 348-4104.



Harley is pretty laid back about being groomed by Chris DeHart, as Darlene Kopko and Gregory Davis watch.

## Vanity plates can now be confirmed online

► Motorists can create personalized plates, find out if choice is available

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced January 10 the Department of State's latest customer service, "Plate It Your Way," will allow motorists to check the availability of a personalized license plate at the department's web site: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

"Vanity plates have grown in

popularity over the years, and hardly a day goes by that a customer isn't in a branch office ordering a personalized plate," Secretary Land said. "Too often, a customer is disappointed to find their first choice is taken, and then the burden is on them to come up with a second or third selection while they are standing at the counter.

"It's a process that can be frustrating for the customer and time consuming for the branch office staff. Now customers can spend time reviewing options on the Internet and get a preview of how

the personalized plate will look when it arrives in the mail."

The state's Chief Motor Vehicle Administrator explained the new online program allows customers to select the type of plate they want, such as the traditional blue and white plate, the Great Lakes Splendor plate, university fundraising license plate, or one of the seven fundraising plates that generate revenue for special causes.

Customers then enter the word, phrase, letters or numbers to appear on the plate they have selected. If the configuration is not available, they will be directed to try another one.

Once a personalized plate is identified as available, fee information is provided, allowing customers to go to a Secretary of State branch office to place their order. While the program does not allow plates to be ordered or reserved online, it makes it easy for customers to preview a variety of options when choosing a plate.

The personalized license plate program is the latest customer service option offered by the Secretary of State's Office, which has been a leader in state government online services in Michigan.

The Secretary of State's Office was the first to make it possible for Michigan residents to do business with state government online, with renewal of license plates. Since that time, the web site has offered a variety of services including the organ donor registry enrollment program and access to a variety of records including campaign finance records of statewide candidates.

Funds from personalized license plate sales are dedicated to highway beautification and cleanup. In the 2002 fiscal year, the department collected \$3,138,153 in personalized license plate fees.

As of November 2002, there were 163,053 personalized license plate registrations on file with the Secretary of State.

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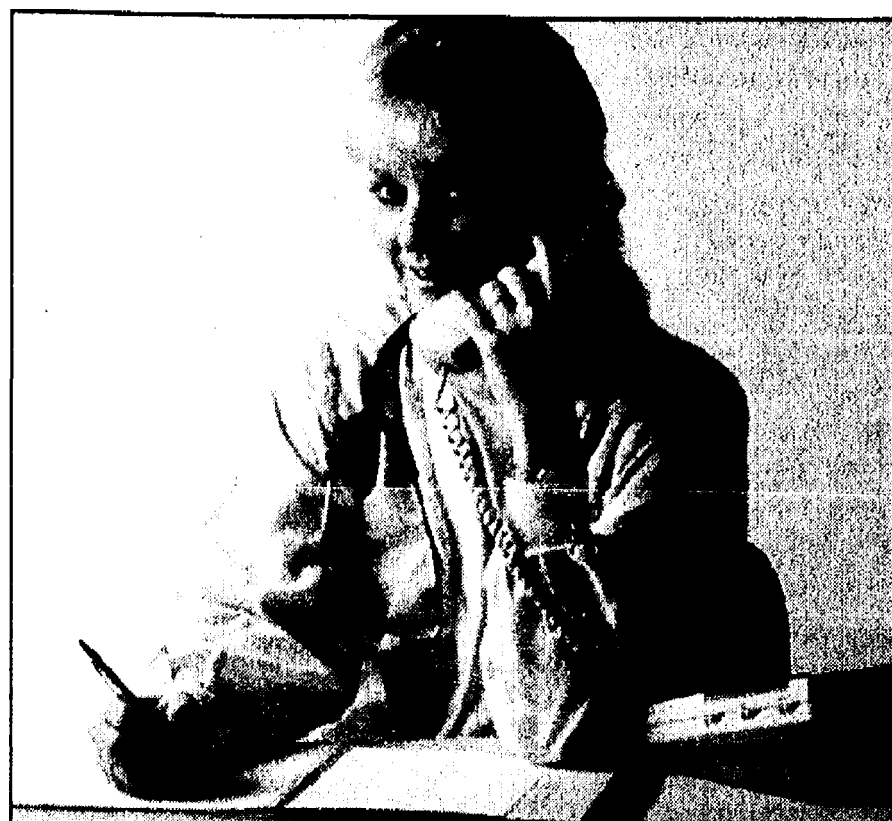
Identifying the right point of service for your health condition is easier with Otsego Memorial Health Resource, a nurse call center program launched this month by Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"We are so pleased to be offering this 24-hour telephone nursing service for the first time," said Suzanne Cleere, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services for Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"Injury or illness doesn't stop just because it's the evening or weekend and through this service we will be able to provide community members the professional guidance they need for the peace of mind they seek."

Otsego Memorial Hospital has engaged The Beryl Companies to provide outsourced telephone nurse triage services for the residents of Otsego, Montmorency and surrounding counties. Beryl is the nation's leading health-care-exclusive customer interaction company.

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"Health Resource is the result of an initiative in our strategic plan to improve services for the entire service area," said Thomas R. Lemon, Chief Executive Officer at Otsego Memorial Hospital. "The community has indicated a desire for this service, and we're proud to be able to offer it along with our family of healthcare services provided by the Hospital, MedCare, Shared Care and McReynolds Hall."

Otsego Memorial Health Resource can be accessed 24 hours a day by dialing a toll-free number, 866-OMHEALTH (or 866-664-4325).

There is no charge to callers for this service.

## Basics of customer service, true stories included in new manual

Have you ever been a victim of poor customer service? If you were, then you won't have a hard time relating to the stories in *Back to the Basics: Just Give Customers What They Want!*, a collection of true stories and customer service manual by author and lawyer, Clare Evans Miller.

Every day, many people have to endure rudeness and incompetence in stores, salons, barber shops, private and public offices, restaurants, and repair shops -- practically everywhere. *Back to the Basics* addresses this serious issue, and seeks to enlighten employers and employees by exposing the downside of poor service.

In her book, Miller compiles stories that exemplify many customer service "atrocities." Using

this as a springboard, she then highlights the service-related problems that many employers face, and provides helpful tips in solving and preventing them.

Reading *Back to the Basics* will surely make the readers stop for a while and think: "Why do I have to endure this crap from these companies when, in fact, I'm the one who's paying them?" Insightful and informative, *Back to the Basics* serves as a wake up call for many business establishments that seem to have forgotten the value of customer service.

In an excerpt, Miller writes, "Poor quality is pervasive, irrespective of where the businesses are located and regardless of the race, ethnicity, or gender of those providing the service. The issue of poor quality service has to be

addressed, and someone has to initiate the discussion. Yes, *Back to the Basics* had to be written."

Author Clare Evans Miller has been involved in hundreds of business reorganizations, for the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the United States Trustee. As a business consultant, Miller has conducted training seminars for colleges and companies in the areas of customer service and career development.

She holds a Law Degree from Wayne State University School

of Law, a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University. Currently, Miller is the General Counsel and Director of Evans, Miller & Associates, LLC, a firm engaged in training employees to provide good quality customer service. She resides with her husband and son in a small city near Detroit.

*Back to the Basics: Just Give Customers What They Want!* is available through 1st Books Library at [www.1stbooks.com](http://www.1stbooks.com).

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Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, is now offering extended office hours. Dr. Yacisen will see patients in the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning December 12. He will also continue to see patients in Prudenville on Mondays and in Roscommon on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

A graduate of Nova-Southeastern University in Davies, FL, Dr. Yacisen completed his internship and residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, MI. He completed his fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, MA.

For an appointment, call AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center, PC, at (989) 344-BONE.



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# Love of animals evident in artist's works

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several times which allows her to make a composite drawing in pencil. Once she has the animals sketched to her satisfaction, she starts working on the background which must meet the requirements of the animal and be at the appropriate time of the year for the coloration of the animals.

Because of her skill and attention to detail, her paintings have been selected to be Duck Stamps for the Michigan hunting license.

Recently she was the featured artist at the Chippewa Nature

Center in Midland. Diment's painting can be seen at Northwoods Galleries in Lewiston and Atlanta. Some of them can also be viewed at her web site [www.oweb.com/upnorth/kindiment](http://www.oweb.com/upnorth/kindiment).

Diment said she misses teaching and would like to give private lessons to small groups of interested people.

She has also recently broadened her artistic scope by adding sculpture to her repertoire.

For more information, call 344-1843.



"To Bee or Not To Bee" shows an African bee catcher bird eyeing a possible meal.



"Three's Company" is a work in progress.



Diment calls this painting "Morning Goslings."



This picture of a cheetah in the rainy African country is titled "Storm Watch."



This painting is titled "White Flag at Sunset."

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West Branch, MI - In recent history, FORD has offered incredible incentives to consumers during post 9/11 marketing blitz. The bold move, on the part of FORD has spawned a huge increase in new car and truck sales. The influx of fresh trades resulting from all the new car sales has flooded the used car lot at Dean Arbour Ford, making it necessary to continue with their innovative marketing approach of guaranteeing a minimum of \$5000 for trade or \$2000 over Blue Book Trade.

When asked owner Matt Arbour said, "We started offering a minimum of \$5000 or \$2000 over Blue Book for trades on pre-owned to balance FORD's robust financing programs for new vehicles. We have found that FORD's Incentive programs are still bringing an incredible amount of trades to our dealership. We will continue with our promise to give consumers \$5000 for any trade towards the purchase on one of our pre-owned vehicles."

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Sales Director, Tim Slachta. Slachta adds, "The Zero Percent Financing Program attracted new car buyers who were not necessarily ready to get into a new vehicle demanded by the age and mileage of their current vehicle. This has brought us many late model, low mileage trades in pristine condition."

Matt Arbour adds, "Now is the best time to buy a pre-owned vehicle. An unprecedented increase lease returns has flooded the nation's used car market. This has promoted lower prices on popular vehicles."

"You can be sure we are passing those lower prices on to you!" added Tim Slachta.

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"We've wanted to compete with 0% APR new car rate, so we worked with Ford Motor Credit and came up with a special low interest rate of

5.9% APR available to qualified buyers on Ford Certified Vehicles. This particular rate is unbelievable on pre-owned cars," said Matt Arbour.

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Every vehicle in Dean Arbour's huge inventory will be tagged with dramatic savings to make shopping hassle-free. "Bring all decision makers along with your payment book or title, so you can drive home immediately in your new-pre-owned vehicle."

"No matter what the condition of your vehicle, push it, pull it or have it towed onto our lot and we will guarantee a minimum \$5000 trade allowance. We can't combine this offer with any other advertised offer, and please, only one trade per deal," said Arbour.

This event starts Thursday, January 16th and continues through Monday, January 20th at Dean Arbour Ford located in downtown West Branch.

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## Snowmobilers find lake ice too weak, too late

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water of Houghton Lake's North Bay when they encountered soft ice which gave way to open water near the outlet of the Muskegon River.

It was estimated the snowmobilers were approximately 100 feet from shore at the time the ice cover gave way. The sixth snow-

mobiler was able to stop in time after witnessing the plight of his five companions. He was apparently then able to help pull them back onto the ice and out of about five feet of water.

The five snowmobiles were to be recovered by a Houghton Lake snowmobile dealer.

Then late Sunday night, just before 11 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the north shore of the lake where two snowmobilers were reported to have gone through the ice.

According to the State Police, three men were traveling north across Houghton Lake's frozen surface when they came unexpectedly upon thin ice and open water.

One of the snowmobilers was able to accelerate across the open water to safety and continued on shore to call 911. Rescue personnel from Lake, Lyon, and Roscommon Townships were first on the scene and began a search with tethered rescuers and aluminum boats.

Officers from the Houghton Lake Post in a hovercraft and officers from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office using an airboat were on Houghton Lake searching for the missing men within 30 minutes of the original call. One of the men's helmets was recovered near the East End of the open water area.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter was requested, but was unable to

respond due to severe winter weather conditions coming in over Lake Michigan. Unfortunately, the search had to be called off for the night around 1:30 a.m. Monday morning.

The Michigan State Police Dive Team and the Roscommon County Sheriff's Dive Team have been working as conditions permit to recover the two victims, brothers Jody and Dave Sperry, ages 27 and 24 respectively, of Houghton Lake.

As of press time late Tuesday afternoon, the State Police report rescue divers have only two to three feet of visibility, making the recovery of the two men extremely difficult. Sonar equipment is also being used to locate the victims.

Michigan State Police Sgt Kenneth Holmes said snowmobilers and others traveling over frozen lake surfaces, even on foot, need to be reminded of the inherently unpredictable condition of the state's frozen waters. "Firsthand knowledge of the area to be traveled and its condition is a must," Holmes advised.

Additionally, excessive speed cuts into the reaction time that a snowmobile or ORV operator has to respond to those potential hazards, he explained. "And as always, alcohol and narcotics do not mix with any type of snowmobile or ORV operation."

Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryll Ruley contributed to this article.

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## OBITUARIES

### Shirley Mary Zimmerman

Aug. 31, 1932 - Dec. 30, 2002  
Shirley Mary Zimmerman, age 70, of Luzerne, died December 30 at her home.

She was born on August 31, 1932 in Bay County to Theron and Selma (Sawatzki) Pegg Barcia.

Shirley was married to Joseph W. Zimmerman on June 26, 1950, in Bay City.

Mrs. Zimmerman was employed as a bank clerk for over 20 years, and was retired from People's National Bank in Bay City in 1978. She was a homemaker and mother. She loved reading, embroidery and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Edith (Barcia) Pake; brother, Theron "Sonny" Barcia; infant daughter, Alice and son, Joseph, Jr.

Surviving Shirley is her husband, Joe of Luzerne; one son, Clarence "Kayo" (Marie) Zimmerman of Bay City; one daughter, April (Philip) Weiler of Roscommon; daughter-in-law Theresa Zimmerman - Bolick of Middleburg, FL; 10 grandchildren, five great grandchildren; one sister, Clara Miller of Mikado, and one brother, Charles (Helen) Barcia of Bay City.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Lewis Konvicka

June 10, 1909 - Dec. 30, 2002

Lewis Konvicka, age 93, of Beaver Creek Township, died Monday, December 30 at Hilltop Manor, Roscommon. He was born on June 10, 1909 in Uosovice, Moravia to Jan and Marie Konvicka.

Lewis was married to Laura Elizabeth Fenlon on June 28, 1952.

Mr. Konvicka lived in Crawford County since 1915. He worked for the DNR for the State of Michigan in various capacities from 1929 until his retirement in June, 1971. He served his country as a SeaBee in the U.S. Navy 109th Construction Battalion in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura; and his parents, Jan and Marie Konvicka.

Surviving Lewis are his two daughters, Betty Richards of Canton and Judy (David) Todd of Atlanta, GA; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Michael Richards and James and Stephen Todd.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 2, at Sorenson Funeral Home, with Reverend Steven Thiel and Chaplain Art Thayer officiating. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### William A. Callahan

January 8, 2003

William A. Callahan, age 91, of Grayling died January 8.

Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on January 11. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Peggy C. (Polonis) Griffin

January 10, 2003

Peggy C. Griffin, age 90, of Grayling died January 10.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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### Reverend William H. Fraser

Jan. 15, 1910 - Jan 10, 2003

Reverend William H. Fraser, age 92 of Grayling, died Friday, January 10 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. He was born on January 15, 1910 in Carbon Run, Pennsylvania to James and Eva (Jones) Fraser.

Reverend Fraser was married to the former Genevieve Collison on February 10, 1934 in Marquette. They were happily married for 68 years.

William, a resident of Grayling since 1972, was a retired United Methodist minister. He was a member of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. William

was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.). He also served as Chaplain of the National C.C.C. organization. He was chairman for the C.C.C. Statue Program, having placed 19 statues in various locations in the United States. He was an avid fly fisherman and hunter. Reverend Fraser was "senior citizen" of the year for the State of Michigan. He wrote a book entitled *Reason for Being*, ghost written by close friend, Arthur Kerle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Eva Fraser; and one brother, Roy Fraser.

Surviving William is his wife, Genevieve; three daughters, Patricia (John) Lundy of Oswego, IL, Joyce (Phil) Davidson of Willis, and Sandy (Larry) Davidson of Saline; one son, Ronald (Nora) Fraser of Bay City; nine grandchildren, John "J.T." (Renee) Lundy of Naperville, IL, Scot (Karla) Lundy of Montgomery, IL, Lorraine (Jim) Hemmeyer-VanCopponole of Ann Arbor, Vincent Hemmeyer of Worcester, MA, Angela Hemmeyer of Austin, TX, Dustin and Beau Davidson of Saline, Leslie (Eric) Day of Grand Rapids, Shane Fraser of Littleton, CO; seven great-grandchildren, Calvin Lundy, Cooper Lundy, Colin Lundy, Curtis Day, Jacob Day, Patrick Day, Thomas Day; one brother, Howard (Jean) Fraser of Athens, GA.

Services were held on January 13 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Reverend Jeffrey Jagers and Reverend Jeff Regan officiated. Dr. Dale Herder was guest speaker.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### John Earl Godbey

January 8, 2003

John Earl Godbey, age 75, of Grayling died January 8.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dobies Funeral Home in Hudson, Florida.

Arrangements by Thomas B. Dobies Funeral Home, Hudson, Florida.

### James Frederick Roland

January 1, 2003

James Frederick Roland, age 65, of Grayling died January 1.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

January:

16 - Glazed Ham/Steak & Tomato Stew; Lucky Seven bus leaves at 10 a.m., adult ed. class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

17 - Chicken & Biscuits/no dinner; Lovell's Satellite at 12 noon; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m., and Smorgasbord dinner from 4 to 7 p.m.

19 - Pancake Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

20 - Meatloaf/Pork Stew; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; COA Meeting of the Whole at 3 p.m.; COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Maryland Chicken/Italian Round Steak; Speaker on Amigo Mobility at 12:15 p.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

22 - Beef Stew & Biscuits/Hamburg & Cheese Noodles; 10 & 11 a.m. Exercise & Line Dancing, Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Craft Class at 1 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: The Senior Center is here for all seniors in Crawford County.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 15 - 21 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard on the following date:

January 15 - 16

January 21

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset.

Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Guests at the Ann Hamlin home for Christmas Eve were Richard and Margie Smith, Mark and Mary Smith and boys Shawn and Eric, Curt and Robyn Utterbach and boys, Cody and Colton, all of Mt. Pleasant. Kent and Melissa Catton and daughter Kirstyn of Midland, Jim and Janice Smith and boys Parker & Hunter of St. Louis, Heather Smith of Utica, Scott and Shelly Hamlin and boys Aaron, Adam, Austin and Andy of Brutus, Dean and Lori Smith and girls

Hannah and Elle, Norberta Sawyer, Paul and Beth Hamlin and children Colin, Ann and Jo, Bob and Evie Stephan, James Jones, Jordan Shivonn and Jacob, grandchildren of the Mark Smiths.

Paul and Beth Hamlin and children were at Beth's grandparents the Reichenbach's of Pandora, Ohio.

Jim and Claudia LaRoy (Jones) of Kinard, Florida were also there over the Christmas holidays.

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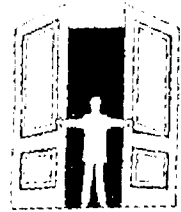
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**NOTE:** Late registration available at all locations the first day of class.

## Winter 2003 Schedules

ADULT LEARNING CENTER			
ABE/GED	M - T	8 - 11:30 am	Barrow
	M - T	12 - 3:30 pm	Barrow
ABE/GED	W - R	8 - 11:30 am	Brunette
	W - R	12 - 3:30 pm	Brunette
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GED/ABE	W - R	8 am - 12 pm	Barrow
	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow
ALT. ED.	M - T	8 am - 12 pm	Brunette
	M - T	1 - 4:50 pm	Brunette
ALT. ED.	W - R	8 am - 12 pm	Barrow
	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow
ALT. ED./EST.	F	1 - 4:00 pm	Brunette

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Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, room 107

Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Homrich

Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu.

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### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Woman

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Homrich

An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that the size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

### Computers

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Terry Snyder

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: January 27, 2003

Length of Class: 2 weeks

Day of Class: Monday

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$50.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Marge Schreiner

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse!?) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers

### Digital Camera

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 6 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab

Cost: \$50.00

Instructor: John Lasby

Did you just receive a digital camera as a gift? This course will help you understand the concepts of digital cameras. You will learn how to edit, scan, manipulate and print photos.

## CCC Museum hosts snowshoeing event

As the mercury plunges, it's all too easy to shut out the cold, grab a blanket, and snuggle into couch potato heaven. But then you would be missing the magnificent spectacle of nature in winter.

For those bold enough to bundle up and strap on snowshoes, adventure beckons: Hardy wintering birds rouse themselves from their roosts and call raucously to their companions. A hazy noon-time sun reveals a coyote loping along a snowy hillside, searching among the brush for a mousy meal. And then there is the sacred magic of standing utterly alone in the world and watching as downy flakes start to fall.

Winter was made for outdoor fun: No crowds, no oppressive heat, or bugs. And there's no better way to experience wild winter firsthand than on snowshoes. New, high-tech, lightweight aluminum snowshoes can take you places where summer walkers never tread. While dense undergrowth may block footfalls in other seasons, deep fluffy drifts welcome explorers into private glades.

Snowshoes give almost total winter freedom. They allow trekkers to penetrate pristine wilderness, or for families to take short jaunts through meadows close to home.

They offer great aerobic condi-

tioning to anyone who wants to step up the pace, or they can provide the means for an easy meditative nature walk.

Still, the challenges of winter travel can often intimidate beginners. But now there's a unique local opportunity to join the experts and learn how to safely enjoy the wintry wilds without exceeding your comfort levels.

A Winter Trails Day event will be held at the CCC Museum, across from North Higgins Lake State Park near Roscommon on January 18 and it's the perfect opportunity to try out snowshoeing.

"The day will include guided hikes through the tree plantation and snowshoeing activities, seminars and demos that will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.," said Ben Carr, a representative of event sponsors, Quiet Sports Outfitters and the Michigan Snowshoe Center.

"Winter Trails Day is the largest snowshoeing event of the winter here in Michigan. So, whether you bring your own snowshoes or come to try out the many demonstration models we will have on hand, we know people will find the day to be enjoyable and fulfilling."

This event is just one of 11 snowshoeing events organized by the American Hiking Society

(AHS) and Snowlink.com and open to the public as part of its 7th Annual Winter Trails Day program.

"People too often think of hiking as a summertime happening," said AHS President, Mary Margaret Sloan. "Winter Trails Day invites people outdoors at a time when they might not otherwise go, to experience snowshoeing, a sport that is growing more popular each year."

Even though snowshoeing is easy to learn, it can still seem intimidating to first-timers," said Sloan. "Winter Trails Day teams up beginners with experienced teachers who can help them make smart equipment choices and to learn basic techniques."

Winter Trails Day participants will quickly find that snowshoeing comes about as naturally as walking. In just a few short steps you'll understand why this is one of the fastest-growing winter sports.

Learn more about the Winter Trails Day event at the CCC Museum on Saturday, January 18 by calling Ben or Pam Carr toll-free at 1-866-275-0300, e-mailing them at snow@snowshoecenter.com, or by logging on to www.snowshoe-center.com or www.wintertrails.org.

## Cowboy music of 30s-40s to be performed at KCPA

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) Director, Gary Carton, says everyone can use a little cowboy music. He invites the public to come and "yippi-yi your troubles away with "Cowboy Envy" next Saturday, January 25.

Cowboy Envy, in the tradition of the original singing cowboy, performs Western Music from the thirties and forties. Drawing upon the repertoires of such artists as Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and others, each member of Cowboy Envy brings a variety of influence to the presentation of this music.

The members are Berne' "Frenchy" Pollakoff on lead vocals, whip cracks and stam-pedes; DeDe "Too Short" Vogt on vocals, bass, harmonica, and mandolin; Kathleen "Buffalo K" Hatfield on vocals and guitar. They may be joined by "Ropin'" Roger French on accordion.

"Their voices blend as beauti-

fully as the Andrews Sisters, but their sound is bolstered by a strong strumming guitar and bass, punctuated by a healthy dose of rollicking abandon and humor," Carton said. "Cowboy Envy combines quality musicianship with spirited tails of the West and unbridles that cowboy fascination that lives in all of us."

One performance of Cowboy Envy is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at the KCPA at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$18 (A), \$16 (B), \$14 (C), family of five: \$35 (B) or \$32.50 (C).

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or order tickets on-line at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

## Smorgasbord will benefit Meals-On-Wheels

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's (COA) Senior Center will host a Smorgasbord this Friday to benefit the local Meals-On-Wheels program.

Meals-On-Wheels is a home-delivered meal program staffed by volunteers. Recipients are seniors and other special needs adults in Crawford County who are unable to prepare meals for themselves. Each receives nutritious and balanced hot meals five days and frozen meals are offered for the weekend.

"Our goal is to help seniors continue to be able to live independently in their own homes with dignity and status," said COA Director Nova Anderson.

"With all the programs that are offered at the COA, we are hoping to prevent seniors from going into a nursing home," Anderson added. "Keeping seniors at home not only saves money for the seniors and their families, but

also the federal and state government Medicare and Medicaid dollars."

To help pay for the program, the COA is offering a smorgasbord of barbecued chicken, meatballs and ham plus side dishes and dessert on Friday, January 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 for seniors over 60 years of age and children; \$5 for non-seniors.

"We invite everyone to come to the smorgasbord and help us to help the seniors of Crawford County," said Anderson.

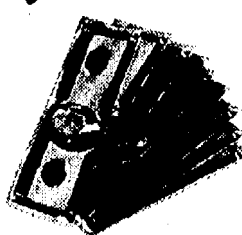
For more information, call the Senior Center, located on Lawndale in Grayling, at 348-7123.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 54 complaints during the week of January 5 - 11:

Two property damage accidents, two motorist assist, six larceny, two juvenile, five assist other departments, two civil, one alarm, three suspicious situations, two disturbing the peace, 16 unclassified, one breaking and entering, one drunk driving, one animal control, five city ordinances, one criminal sexual conduct, and four traffic warnings issued.

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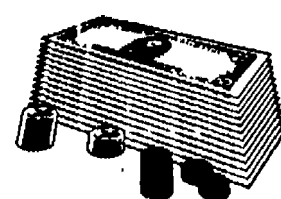
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## GHS ski teams win in league opener

► Girls, boys teams both defeat Roscommon and Saginaw Valley

In the first Central Alpine Ski League meet of the year – hosted by Roscommon at Treetops on Thursday, January 9 – Grayling High School's ski teams defeated Roscommon and Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

In the girls team competition, the Vikings scored a 31, Roscommon had 43, and Saginaw finished with 113. (Lowest score wins.)

The Vikings were led by Mallory Olson, who placed 1st in the slalom event and 3rd in the giant slalom (GS) for a total of four team points. Heather Vandecar took 1st in GS and 6th in slalom despite missing a gate and having to stop on her first run. Kassie McClain put four solid runs down the hill, placing 4th in slalom and 8th in GS.

Andria Alvarez and Jill Seager placed fourth on the team with 14 team points each. Alvarez was 12th in slalom after leading the first run. A fall in her second run cost her a top spot. She was 2nd in GS. Seager, a freshman, "may have been a bit nervous in her first varsity meet and fell in the first run of slalom, but then put three very good

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## 9th graders win 5th straight game

► Vikings defeat Standish Sterling 72-36 to stay unbeaten at 5-0

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS freshman boys basketball team improved its season record to 5-0 with a lopsided victory over the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central last Thursday in Grayling. The Vikings won by a final score of 72-36.

GHS got off to a slow start. The Vikings edged Standish 12-11 in the first quarter, scoring 12 on a jumper by Zac Baker, a drive by Reagan Schmidt, a lay-up by Baker, a put-back by Schmidt, and a lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser.

The Vikings were plagued by turnovers in the first quarter and early in the second. A couple minutes into the second period, Grayling got its offense in gear and started creating turnovers on defense. The Vikings turned Standish turnovers into points, and ran their lead up to 39-21 by halftime.

Grayling's 27 points in the second quarter included a 7-0 run and a devastating 14-0 unanswered streak. Eli VanNuck had 12 points in the period, Schmidt had eight, Dean scored on a lay-up and a jumper, Baker had two points with a shot inside, and J.C. Schneider added one on a free throw.

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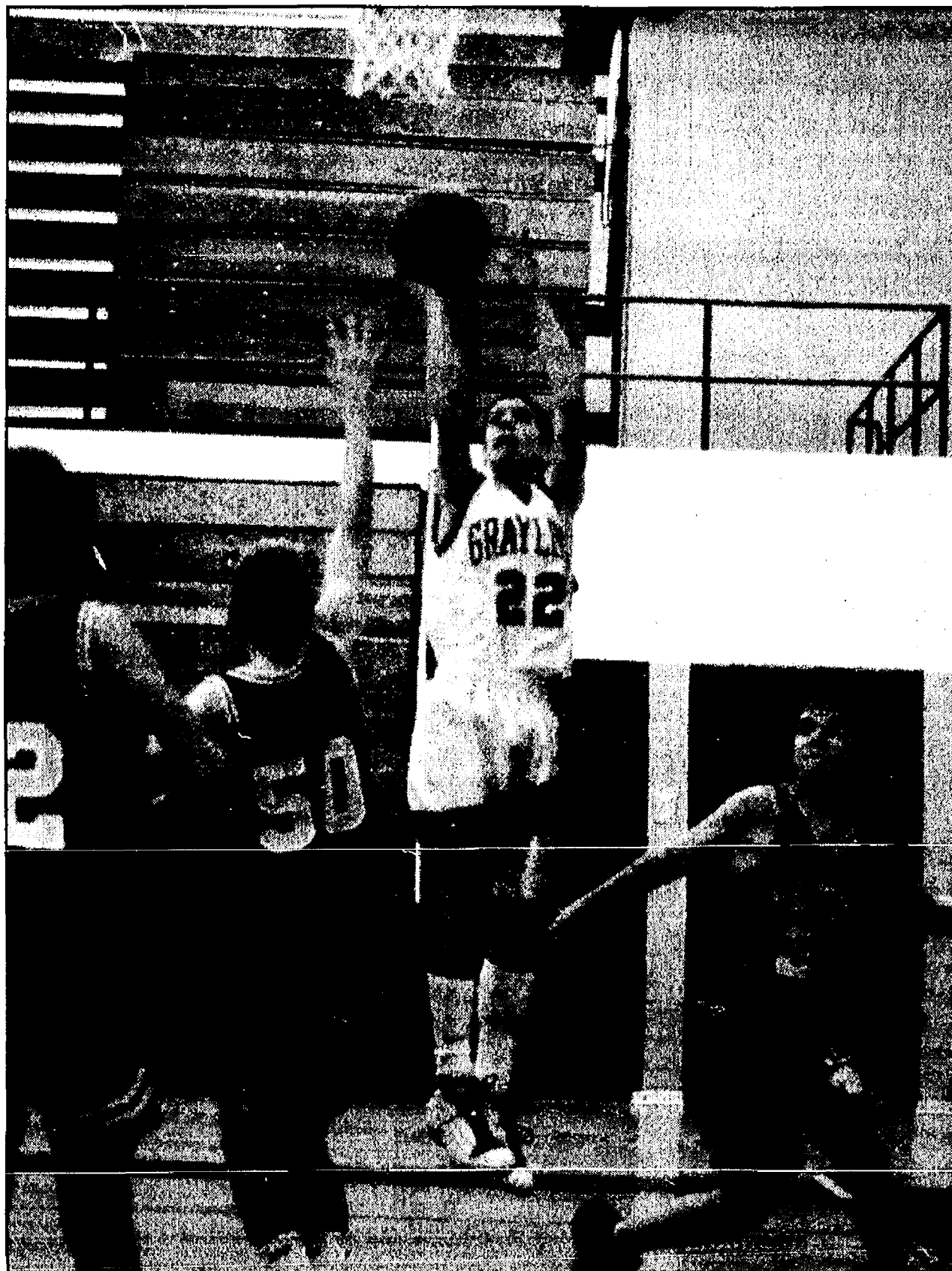


Photo by Caleb Casey

Reagan Schmidt shoots a short jumper for Grayling in last Thursday's 72-36 victory over Standish Sterling Central at GHS.

## Wrestling team places 3rd at 10-team tourney

► Vikes have one 1st place finisher, five 2nd places, two 3rds, one 4th

The Grayling High School wrestling team placed 3rd out of 10 teams at a tournament at Oscoda on Saturday.

Participating schools included Farwell, Gaylord, Oscoda, Gladwin, Hale, Kingsley, Saginaw Valley, and Tawas. Gaylord took first, and Gladwin placed second.

For Grayling, Brandon Pratt (171) won his weight division. Pratt is 17-2 so far this season.

Adam Malone (130, 11-9), Chuck Woodman (135, 4-1), Joel Wilson (145, 14-4), Dusty Partello (152, 16-1) and Darryl Babbitt (160, 12-3) all placed second in their respective weight classes for GHS.

Emily Harvey (103) and Aaron Rosecrans (215) both placed third. James Walker (125) took fourth. Joe Ferrigan (189) and Travis Brush (275) also earned team points for Grayling at the tournament.

"I was very proud of the improvement of the overall team," said Coach Don Ferguson. "They worked hard this week and it showed."

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## JV Cheerleading Squad



The 2002-03 Grayling High School junior varsity cheer team: (front, left to right) Samantha LeMaster, Nicole Reyes; (middle, left to right) Erica Parker, Stacey Brown, Brittney Bennett; (back, left to right) Justine Tozer, Chelsea Green, Coach Rebecca Brown, Amber Florian.

## Varsity Cheerleading Squad



The 2002-03 Grayling High School varsity cheer team: (front, left to right) Shannon Terry, Brianne Crowl, Joni Welch, Kim McDaniel; (middle, left to right) Sheryl Zarnick, Jenny Ringle, Janelle Gregorich; (back, left to right) Coach Amber Kick, Rachel Brunell, Nicole Doremire, Michelle Belcher, Hayley Boardman, Coach Gail Belcher.





## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### FEET SHOW SIGNS OF HYPERTENSION

Podiatrists are key members of a person's health care team. A thorough podiatric examination can help diagnose several systemic conditions, including diabetes, arthritis, and high blood pressure (hypertension). Signs of circulatory problems, which often occur with hypertension, can show up as decreased temperatures in the extremities, lack of normal skin color, or weakened pulse in the feet. Swelling, burning and ulcers can also indicate elevated blood pressure. High blood pressure is a primary contributor to cardiovascular disease, so diagnosis and treatment are critical. Podiatrists always take a person's blood pressure during exams and will refer the patient to his or her primary care doctor in the event of any abnormalities. Patients should also inform their podiatrists if they have hypertension.

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The 2002-03 Grayling High School junior varsity boys basketball team: (front, left to right) D.J. Metzger, Alex McNamara, Matt Swope, Josh Millikin, Russ Peters; (back, left to right) Tyler Cragg, Bobby Starks, Josh Hinkle, Darryl Conley, Jess Bobenmoyer, Ryan Davis, Coach Butch Hayes.

## JV Vikings now 6-0 after 2 road wins

► Grayling posts victories at Gaylord and Pinconning

With two wins on the road last week, Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team improved its season record to 6-0.

On Tuesday, the Vikings defeated the Blue Devils of Gaylord 66-62 in overtime.

Grayling led 26-17 at halftime and had a 43-31 advantage going

into the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils caught up in the fourth period, outscoring Grayling 23-11 to force OT.

"We came out the first half and played well," said Coach Butch Hayes. "In the fourth quarter, we lost our composure and poise — they upped the intensity. In overtime, we came out and scored the first eight points and did a good job finishing the game."

Ryan Davis posted a double-double for Grayling with 27 points and 13 rebounds. He led the Vikings in both categories in the contest.

Josh Hinkle finished with 22

points. Matt Swope, Russ Peters, Tyler Cragg, and D.J. Metzger also scored in the match for Grayling.

On Friday, the JV team won at Pinconning 61-52.

The Vikings had a 28-25 edge at halftime. With a 17-12 third period, Grayling led Pinconning 45-37 going into the fourth. GHS sealed the win with a 16-15 fourth quarter.

"We played injured and had a great team effort. We had some kids step up and fill in some key roles," Coach Hayes said. "We shot well from the line (18 for

23)." Hinkle led the scoring effort for Grayling with 27 points. Bobby Starks and Ryan Schmidt each finished with 10. Jess Bobenmoyer, Swope, Peters, Davis, and Metzger also scored for Grayling in the contest.

Swope was the leading rebounder for GHS with 5 boards. Hinkle and Schmidt each had 5 assists.

The JV squad will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, January 17 after the freshman game, which starts at 4:30 p.m.

## 9th graders win 5th straight game

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The Vikings continued their offensive onslaught in the third quarter with a 20-10 period. VanNuck accounted for 12 of the 20, including three on a triple jump before the third quarter buzzer. Dean added four and Baker and Schmidt each had two points in the quarter.

Grayling outscored SSC 13-5 in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. The Vikings scored their 13 fourth period points on a drive by VanNuck, two free throws by Dean, a jumper by Baker, a free throw by Schneider, a lay-up by Feldhauser, a put-back by Zeke Hayes, and a lay-up by VanNuck.

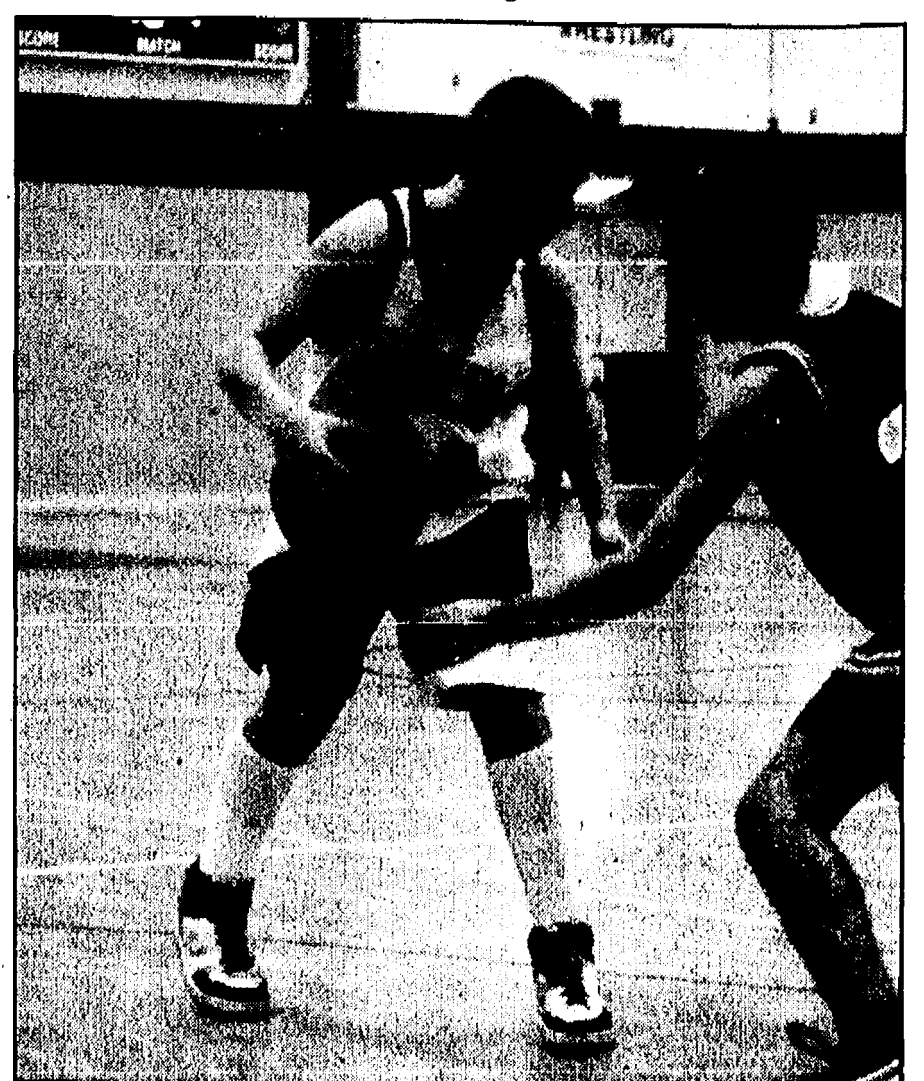
"The boys really stepped up defensively tonight," Coach Joe Mau said. "We played with a lot of intensity, hustle, and poise."

Zach Dean and Zac Baker did a great job on the boards, while Reagan Schmidt really distributed the ball well. Eli VanNuck continues to attack the basket and finish well — it was his second straight game with 30-plus points."

VanNuck ended the night with 30 points, 5 steals, and 3 rebounds.

Schmidt had 14 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. Dean scored 12, grabbed 6 rebounds, and posted 2 steals. Baker finished with 8 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The freshman team will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m. The contest is the first game of a tripleheader that will also include JV and varsity matchups between Grayling and Ogemaw.



Zeke Hayes handles the ball for Grayling in the game vs. Standish last Thursday.

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The 2002-03 GHS varsity boys basketball team: (front, left to right) Gibson Tobin, Ryan Schmidt, Andy Strohpaal, Chad Helsel, Phil Armstrong, Adam Kaiser; (back, left to right) Coach Rich Moffit, Roger Alvarez, Roy Czapke, Joe Lange, Joe Zelek, Greg Morrill, Travis Helsel, Caleb Mead, Coach Chris Kucharek.

## Grayling leads league at 4-0

► Vikings win at Pinconning to stay unbeaten in conference play

The GHS varsity boys basketball team improved its conference record to 4-0 with a 70-56 victory at Pinconning last Friday.

The Vikings are currently in sole possession of the top spot in the North East Michigan Conference. Bay City John Glenn, second in the league at 3-2, lost to Ogemaw on Friday.

At Pinconning, Grayling built up a 42-28 halftime advantage. The Vikings added three to their lead with an 18-15 third quarter, and held on for a 14-point win.

"We started off slow, putting ourselves in an 11-4 hole. Our team then went on a 23-4 run, which was started because we played with improved intensity," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We received a number of positive

performances. Our kids are getting better each game. I was pleased with the way that we took care of the basketball down the stretch of this game."

"We have a number of huge games coming up and we have to continue to improve if we are going to be successful," Coach Moffit said.

Gibson Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling at Pinconning with 23 points. Travis Helsel added 17. Andy Strohpaal, Chad Helsel, Adam Kaiser, Joe Zelek, Greg Morrill, Joe Lange, and Roger Alvarez also had points for GHS in the match.

Roy Czapke was the team's leading rebounder with 8 boards. Strohpaal had 6 steals, Tobin finished with 5 assists, and Lange posted 4 blocks.

On Tuesday, the team lost a non-conference game at Gaylord 70-65 in overtime.

Grayling led 18-12 at the end of one quarter and had a 32-30

### NORTH EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	League record	Overall record
GRAYLING	4-0	4-2
BC John Glenn	3-2	4-4
Oscoda	2-2	4-2
Tawas	1-2	4-2
Standish Sterling	1-2	3-4
Ogemaw Heights	1-2	2-3
Pinconning	1-3	2-6

NEMC standings compiled by The Bay City Times

edge at halftime. The Vikings outscored Gaylord 19-15 in the third quarter, but managed only seven points in the fourth period (to Gaylord's 12).

The Blue Devils beat Grayling 12-7 in the overtime period to win the game by five.

"We played well in spurts. The problem is that we did not play well consistently on the offensive and defensive ends of the court," Coach Moffit said. "We need to improve our play during pressure situations. We need to speed up the maturation process of our young team."

Against Gaylord, T. Helsel led Grayling's scoring effort with 18 points. Tobin and Czapke each added 15. Kaiser had 6 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals. Tobin had 4 assists.

On Friday, January 17 the Vikings will host the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights in the final game of a basketball tripleheader. The freshman teams will play at 4:30 p.m., the junior varsity game will follow, and then the varsity squads will take the floor.

Grayling High School's three boys basketball teams — freshman, junior varsity, and varsity — are a combined 15-2 so far this season.

## GHS ski teams win in league opener

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runs down the hill to place 8th in the slalom and 6th in the giant slalom," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Freshman Jessica Thomson finished 11th in slalom despite a first run fall and then helped the team with a 9th place GS finish that pushed Roscommon and Saginaw Valley back more team points.

"All the girls were in their first race of the year and had problems in slalom, with Roscommon leading 17-19-61. The teams got real serious in giant slalom and the Lady Vikes didn't like second place," Coach Wieland said.

Vandecar's 1st, Alvarez's 2nd, and Olson's 3rd nearly swept the GS event. The Scott sisters from Roscommon placed 4th and 5th to prevent the Vikings from a perfect 10 score. Seager placed 6th to give the Vikings a total of 12 team points. McClain's 8th and Thomson's 9th helped push

Roscommon farther back for a 12-26 count in the GS race and helped score the 31-43 meet victory over the Bucks.

Grayling's boys team started out the GS competition showing no signs of missing the three seniors that led the team in 2002. Sophomores led the charge for GHS as Jim Jansen, Trevor Clough, Pat McNally, and John Handy placed 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively, to score 13 team points. Eric Hunter placed 6th and Adam Gilbert was 7th. The Vikings led at the halfway point 13-29-45.

The slalom race had almost the same result as Clough, Jansen, Handy, Hunter, and McNally placed 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, respectively. Anthony Neal

missed a gate and was disqualified. The boys again scored 13 team points to Roscommon's 26 and Saginaw Valley's 54, making the meet totals: Grayling 26, Roscommon 55, and Saginaw 99.

"The boys shook off first meet jitters and their experience from last season took over as they all skied like veterans," Coach Wieland said. "We're a young team, one senior and six sophomores, but we're not rebuilding. We put this team together last year and they have had three years in the junior high program. They should do well if we ski to our abilities."

On Thursday, the GHS ski teams will face Farwell and Clare at Snow Snake at 2 p.m.

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#### Viking of the Week



#### Skiing Coach: Mike Wieland MALLORY OLSON

Mallory had the girls team's low total points in last week's meet with four — a 1st place finish in slalom and a 3rd place finish in giant slalom.

### Paul Olson Municipal Underwriters of Michigan

#### Vikings of the Week



#### Skiing Coach: Mike Wieland JIM JANSEN & TREVOR CLOUGH

Trevor and Jim shared four points for a meet total last week. Trevor placed 1st in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom. Jim was 1st in the giant slalom and 3rd in the slalom event.

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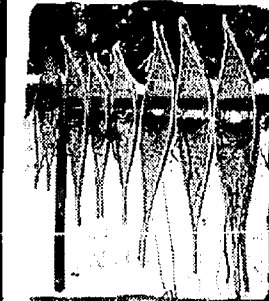
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The 2002-03 Grayling High School varsity girls volleyball team: (front, left to right) Carmen Hulbert, Ashley Hawley, Heather Metzger; (middle, left to right) Jacqueline Rais, Jessica Stewart, Heather Stamper; (back, left to right) Angeanette Lovely, Ashley Bancroft, Coach Angie Golnick, Jamie Zelek, Hannah Hall.

## Volleyball team opens league play with a win

► Grayling posts 2-1 victory over Standish Sterling Central at SSC

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball team opened its league meet schedule with a 2-1 victory over Standish Sterling Central at Standish (15-11, 7-15, 15-12) last week.

(An earlier league meet scheduled for December 18 vs. Oscoda was canceled and has not been re-scheduled as of last week.)

Grayling statistics in the meet against Standish included: Ashley Bancroft – 6 points; Ashley Hawley – 4 kills, 5 blocks, 8 digs, 5 points; Angeanette Lovely – 11 digs, 9 points; Heather Stamper – 1 kill, 2 blocks, 6 digs, 2 points; Jamie Zelek – 1 kill, 4 digs, 5 points; Hannah Hall – 4 kills, 8 digs, 5 points; Heather Metzger – 9 assists, 15 digs.

On Saturday, the Vikings competed in a tournament at Gaylord. Grayling lost to Escanaba (1-15, 4-15), Cheboygan (3-15, 5-15), Alpena (9-15, 2-15), and

Gaylord (1-15, 3-15).

Grayling stats included: Hall – 12 digs, 8 kills; Hawley – 5 digs, 12 kills, 14 touches, 5 blocks; Lovely – 17 digs, 2 kills; Stewart, 7 touches, 8 kills.

"As a young team (three starting sophomores) we began to figure out our potential on Thursday but the teams we met at the tournament on Saturday had lots more experience," Coach Angie Golnick said. "I only hope that the team can see just how good they are."

The Vikings will play at St. Ignace this Saturday. On Monday, January 27 the team will host Houghton Lake at 6:15 p.m.

## JV volleyball team rallies for comeback

► Vikes bounce back with 15-4, 15-6 wins after losing game one

After being blanked in the first game of a best-of-three series at Standish Sterling Central last Thursday, the GHS junior varsity volleyball team mounted a strong comeback to win the meet 2-1.

After the 0-15 first game, Grayling won 15-4 and 15-6 to take the series.

"After getting a slow start, the girls came back and won the match. They did a good job of staying positive and trying. They served well and had some good attacks," said Coach Jenny Swander.

On January 6, the Vikings lost a close series at Pinconning 14-16, 15-17, 5-15. It was the team's first meet of the year.

The Vikings were 28 of 36 at the serving spot.

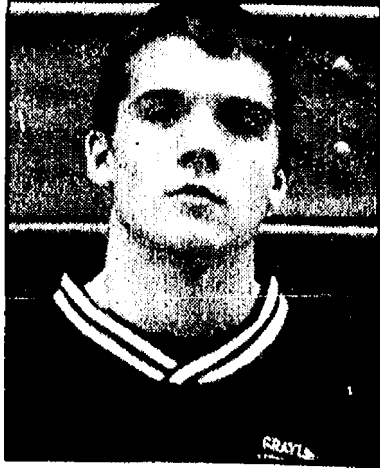
"The girls played hard in their first game. They were tough losses with very close scores," Coach Swander said. "If they clean up the little mental mistakes they will overcome the small point difference."

On Monday, January 20 the JV and freshman volleyball teams will host Tawas at 6:15 p.m.

## Wrestling team places 3rd at 10-team tourney

**Wendy's**

**Viking of the Week**



**Wrestling**  
Coach: Don Ferguson  
**BRANDON PRATT**

Brandon, a junior, was 7-0 last week. He finished 1st in his weight class (171) at a 10-team tournament at Oscoda on Saturday.

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On Thursday, the Vikings wrestled against West Branch Ogemaw Heights and Standish Sterling Central at West Branch. Grayling defeated Standish 57-24 but lost to Ogemaw 58-20.

For Grayling, Wilson (145), Partello (152), Babbitt (160), and Pratt (171) all won both of their matches on Thursday. Woodman (125), Malone (130), Walker (135), Greg Warren (189), Rosecrans (215), and Brush (275) each had one win in the meet.

"We're working on getting more balance in our team," Coach Ferguson said. "We have two weight classes open that need to be filled."

On Thursday, January 16 the GHS wrestling team will face Oscoda and Pinconning at Pinconning. If the Vikings win both matches, they will move into a three-way tie for first place in the North East Michigan Conference with Pinconning and Ogemaw.



# Freshman team wins in double OT

► Eli VanNuck scores 34 points in 64-59 victory over Pinconning

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team defeated the Spartans of Pinconning 64-59 in double overtime last Monday in Grayling.

The match was close all through regulation. Grayling led by two with less than 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter, but Pinconning tied the contest at 46-46 with a pair of foul shots, forcing overtime. After a 6-6 stalemate in the first overtime period, the Vikings outscored Pinconning 12-7 in the second OT to win the game.

Pinny edged Grayling 12-11 in the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 11 on a jump shot by Eli VanNuck, two three-pointers by Reagan Schmidt, a fast break lay-up by VanNuck, and a free throw by VanNuck.

A lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser following a steal gave GHS a 13-12 lead. Pinconning scored a basket inside to go back up by one. A 5-0 run by Grayling — on a jumper by Zac Baker, a lay-up by VanNuck, and a free throw by VanNuck — put the Vikings up 18-14. The Spartans scored the next two baskets, tying the game at 18-18.

A put-back by Baker — the last bucket of the second quarter — gave Grayling a 20-18 edge at halftime.

Pinconning outscored GHS 19-12 in the third quarter to take a 37-32 lead into the fourth period. Grayling's 12 third quarter points were the result of four baskets by VanNuck, a jumper by Baker, and two free throws by Zach Dean.

A jump shot by VanNuck pulled Grayling within four, 38-34. Pinconning scored to go up by six. A basket by VanNuck cut the Spartan lead back to four. Two free throws by Pinconning gave the Spartans a six-point advantage, 42-36.

Pinconning hit one of three free throws after being fouled behind the three-point line. A jump shot by VanNuck pulled Grayling within three, 43-40. A basket by Schmidt cut Pinconning's lead to one with 2:19 left in regulation.

A shot inside by Dean on an assist from Baker gave Grayling a 44-43 edge with 1:30 remain-



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Zach Dean puts up a shot from underneath the basket in last Monday's freshman boys basketball game against Pinconning at GHS.**

ing. At the 1:00 mark, Pinconning hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 44-44.

The Vikings got the ball in and killed time off the clock. With less than 10 seconds left, VanNuck drove in for a shot and was fouled. He hit both free throws, giving GHS a 46-44 lead with seven seconds left in the fourth quarter.

The Spartans drew a blocking foul, and sank both free throws, tying the game at 46-46.

Grayling had three seconds to work with. The Vikings got the ball in and got a shot off, but it didn't go in. The game headed into overtime.

Pinconning scored the first basket of overtime. A shot inside by Feldhauser on a pass from VanNuck tied the contest at 48-48. A drive by VanNuck put GHS up by two.

The Spartans tied the match

with a pair of free throws. The Vikings went up by two with a jump shot by Feldhauser. Two free throws by Pinconning tied the game at 52-52 with 38 seconds left in OT.

Pinconning forced a tie-up and the possession arrow favored the Spartans. The Vikings were called for a foul with nine seconds left on the clock. Pinconning missed both free throws, leaving the score tied.

The Vikings got the ball in and called time-out with six seconds left in overtime. Grayling got the ball in and fired a jumper, but it didn't go in. The game progressed into a second four-minute overtime period.

Grayling scored the first five points of double overtime. A free throw by Pinconning pulled the Spartans within four.

The Vikings started moving the ball around to take time off the clock and Pinconning had to foul. A free throw by Schmidt put Grayling up by five.

GHS got the ball back and scored two on a fast break lay-up by Feldhauser. Grayling led 60-53 with about a minute left in the game.

Pinconning tried a three-point shot, missed, and Schmidt came down with the rebound. The Spartans fouled VanNuck, who hit both free throws.

Pinny scored on a lay-up, then fouled to stop the clock. VanNuck again hit both shots from the free throw line. The points put Grayling up by nine, 64-55, with 21 seconds remaining.

The Spartans scored on a put-back after missing three free throws, then stole the ball and scored again just before the buzzer. Grayling held on for the 64-59 victory.

The win improved Grayling's season record to 4-0.

"Wow! A double overtime win to push the team to a 4-0 record. Eli VanNuck exploded with 34 points and was supported with great team defense. Reagan Schmidt and Ryan Feldhauser played outstanding defense, while Zach Dean and Zac Baker controlled the boards," Coach

Joe Mau said.

VanNuck finished the game with 34 points, 7 steals, and 4 rebounds. Schmidt had 11 points and 3 steals. Feldhauser scored 10 and had 6 boards. Dean, the team's leading rebounder in the contest with 9, scored 6 points and had 2 steals.



**Zac Baker takes a jump shot in Grayling's double overtime victory over Pinconning last week.**

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## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Mens Team

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP** - Sophomore guard Jake Milarch scored 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out seven assists to lead Kirtland Community College to a 74-67 victory Wednesday night at Oakland Community College.

Terrance Coker added 15 points and Reuben Edwards had 10 for Kirtland, which evened its record at 1-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and improved to 6-7 overall.

**ROSCOMMON** - Center Alvaudas Gedminas had 17 points and 18 rebounds and forward Eugene Phillips added 17 points and 10 rebounds Saturday to help Kirtland to a 104-93 victory over Delta.

But it was sophomore guard Vaughan Gray, in his best-ever college game, who led the pace with 17 points, five rebounds and six assists.

Gray also made eight of 11 shots from the free-throw line, several of them down the stretch when the Firebirds pulled away in a game that was tightly contested throughout.

Kirtland is 2-1 in the conference and 7-7 overall.

### Womens Team

**ROSCOMMON** - Mott's Lady Bears brought a six-women team to face a well-rested group from Kirtland feeling very good about itself after a strong finish in its holiday tournament.

Then the understaffed visitors put on a clinic against the Lady Firebirds, whose coach criticized his players for their futile individual efforts in a 79-50 rout Saturday in the conference opener.

"Those six girls of their played as a team," Kirtland coach Jimmy Parker said. "We didn't. Our girls weren't in the game from the start. They were playing 'me' ball all day. They know better."

Teona Blythe scored 18 points and hauled down 16 rebounds to power Mott. Jennifer Smith had 17 points and Tracy Johnson 16 for the Lady Bears, 8-5 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"It seemed like we just lost our intensity and I have no idea why after we had played so well before Christmas," Parker said. "We were so lethargic on defense and impatient on offense. Everybody tried to do things

individually instead of run our plays."

Becca Miller and Jeni Kemp each had 10 points for Kirtland, 5-8 and 0-1.

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP** - Larissa Taylor scored 21 points to lead Oakland University to an 83-57 win Wednesday night over visiting Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 15 points to lead Kirtland and Jeni Kemp came off the bench to score 10 points and grab seven rebounds for the Lady Firebirds, which fell to 0-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 5-9 overall.

Oakland is 2-0 in the conference and 12-4 overall.

**ROSCOMMON** - A worrisome trend continues for Kirtland's Lady Firebirds, and after their fourth straight loss and fifth in six games the reason for the slump has become crystal clear to coach Jimmy Parker.

"I'm afraid we have some very selfish players who don't really care whether we win or lose as long as they get their stats," Parker said after a 71-59 loss Saturday to Delta after a team squandered a double-digit first-half lead. He didn't name names, but he knows who they are.

"Our biggest problem, again, was time management. We were ahead by nine points with five minutes to go in the first half, and we're rushing the ball down court and firing up threes. The girls just wouldn't take their time and run the offense. When they did, we created some nice, clean shots for ourselves."

Freshman forward Leah Dixon scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds and sophomore center Kristine Porter had 13 points, nine rebounds and made seven of eight from the free-throw line to lead Delta. The Lady Pioneers are 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 5-7 overall.

Sophomore guard Becca Miller led Kirtland with 13 points, freshman forward Jeni Kemp had 13 points and nine rebounds and sophomore center Jillian Schultz scored 11 for Kirtland, 0-3 in the conference and 5-10 overall.

The Lady Firebirds built their big first-half lead with tenacious defense, forcing Delta to turn the ball over 13 times before the intermission.

"We played harder, and that was encouraging," Parker said.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation

Gale Enterprises ..... 11 - 01  
Woody Girls' ..... 09 - 03  
Chicken Little Joint Pro. 07 - 05  
Peterson's Saw Service . 07 - 05  
Hawk Ridge Golf ..... 06 - 06  
Coldwell Bankers ..... 05 - 07  
Glen's Market ..... 02 - 10  
Mickey Perez CPA ..... 01 - 11  
High Series: S. Harney, 550; H. Stairs, 526; V. Balmes, 509; P. Terry, 502.  
High Game: P. Terry, 203; S. Harney, 194; N. Root, 183; K. Laughton, 182.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion ..... 16 - 04

Northern Cafe. .... 13 - 07  
Charlies Country Corner 12 - 08  
Double Trouble. .... 11 - 09  
Ken's Tire & Auto .... 09 - 11  
Moshier Auto Repair . 07 - 13  
Fick & Sons ..... 06 - 14  
Pichl's Sawmill. .... 06 - 14  
High Series Men: R. Marwede, 616; J. Mehal, 548; C. Hanson, 520.  
High Game Men: R. Marwede, 223; J. Mehal, 218; C. Hanson, 192.  
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 539; D. Medina, 483; B. Lozon, 477.

High Game Women: S. Johnson, 194; D. Medina, 182; K.

Trudeau, 170.

### American Men's League

GADCO ..... 07 - 00  
Moore's Automotive ... 05 - 02  
Forrest Brothers. .... 05 - 02  
Helsel Forest Prod. . 04.5 - 02.5  
Warren Forest Prod. . 02.5 - 04.5  
Scheer Motors ..... 02 - 05  
Fenton's Auto Service. . 02 - 05  
McLean's Ace ..... 00 - 07  
High Series: J. Helsel, 654; B. Trudeau, 628; J. Arwood, 624.  
High Game: J. Helsel, 236; S. Peterson, 235; D. Canfield, 223; M. Smith, 223.

### Senior League

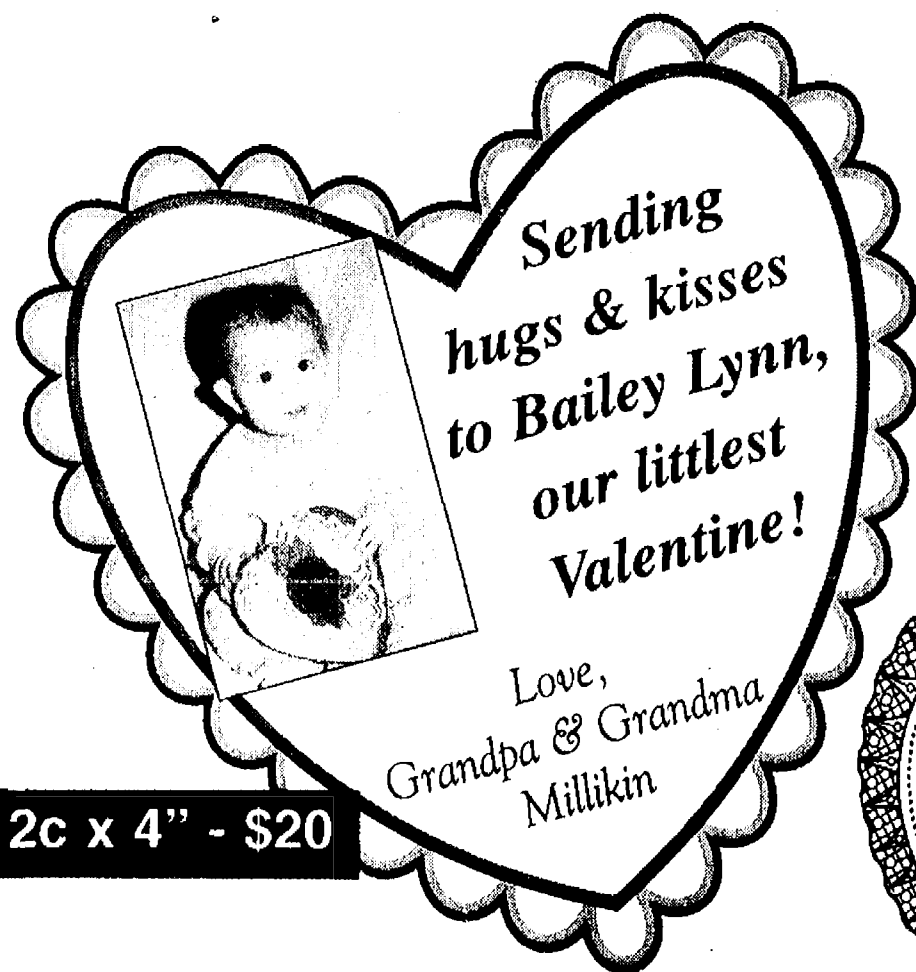
Grayling Pharmacy .... 47 - 21

Sylvester's Sports .... 35 - 33  
Flowers By Josie ... 34.5 - 33.5  
Buccilli's Pizza ..... 34 - 34  
Hall's Snow Removal ... 32 - 36  
Gray Rock ..... 31 - 37  
Spike's Keg O' Nails ... 29 - 39  
Cornell Insurance... 28.5 - 39.5  
High Series Men: G. Wolfe, 617; J. Rasmussen, 560; A. Smith, 543.  
High Game Men: G. Wolfe, 226; A. Smith, 212; B. Hollis, 191.  
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 495; N. Glasslee, 470; W. Finkenbinder, 467.  
High Game Women: E. Hulbert, 183; M. Rysso, 180; E. Hatfield, 177.

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## 8th grade 'green' team wins one, loses one

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball (green) team bounced back from a loss Wednesday to team from a 38-30 victory over West Branch Surline on Thursday. Both games were played at GMS.

"The team came off a tough loss on Wednesday but played outstanding to defeat a very good team Thursday. Jim Boylan, Jesse Ginther, and Mike Boylan controlled the rebounding and scored well around the basket," Coach Gary Summers said. "Our guards played great, controlling the tempo and feeding

the ball inside. A.J. Anter and Cory Metzger played great defense towards the end of the game. This was a total team win."

Ginther was the leading scorer for GMS with 12 points. J. Boylan had 8. Anter, M. Boylan, Jeff Bancroft, Scot Olson, and Metzger also had points for Grayling in the contest.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost to Roscommon 51-21.

"We definitely weren't ready for the team speed and outside shooting Roscommon brought to the gym on Wednesday," Coach

Summers said. "We started real slow on both ends and never got any offense going. Hopefully we'll learn from our mistakes and keep looking for ways to improve. This team has great potential and I have confidence they will be playing pretty good by tournament time."

Against Roscommon, Justin Summers, M. Boylan, Metzger, Bancroft, Ginther, Anter, and J. Boylan all scored for GMS.

The 8th grade boys basketball teams will host Kalkaska on Monday, January 20 at 5 p.m.

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kent E. Bowman and Carmela C. Bowman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 29, 1996, and recorded on September 3, 1996 in Liber 417 on Page 213 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 82/100 dollars (\$105,718.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof, 424.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes West 137.2 feet, to the center of roadway; thence South 52 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 174 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South 82 degrees 47 minutes East along center of roadway, 60 feet; thence South 33 degrees 04 minutes East 567.5 feet, to the Northernly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 59 degrees 32 minutes West along said bank, 200 feet; thence North 18 degrees 36 minutes West 616.8 feet, to P.O.B.; said tract includes all land to the waters edge, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200310462  
Team W

-16-23-30-06

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 9, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot line 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200233544  
Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Herbert E. Stephan and Susan M. Stephan, husband and wife, of 3009 Rasmus, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated September 5, 1984 and recorded September 5, 1984 in Liber 228 in Crawford County Records on Pages 108-111, such Mortgage being given to secure two Promissory Notes payable to the Government; and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Four and 87/100 (\$66,504.87) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County on the 12th day of February, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 11.875% percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 12 and 13, Oak Acres Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records. SUBJECT to building and use restrictions as contained in instrument recorded at Liber 49, Page 453, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately

following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: January 15, 2003  
Michael I. Conlon (P43954)  
Running, Wise & Ford P.L.C.  
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686  
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
acting through the Farmers Home  
Administration, (now known as Rural  
Development), United States Dept. of  
Agriculture, Mortgagee

-16-23-30-06

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403 on Page 201 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 32/100 dollars (\$48,122.32), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200113993  
Team C

-19-26-02-09-16

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Michels a married man and Kim Michels his wife (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2001, and recorded on November 7, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 167 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$70,429.34), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Northeasterly one-half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200219390  
Team S

-26-02-09-16

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH  
Anthony J. Ballingash and  
Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs  
v  
William H. Parker and  
Tonya L. Parker, Defendants  
Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure  
by Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002  
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
P.O. Box 665  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars

(\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200234122  
Team J

-26-02-09-16-23

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.  
As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 224.0507

-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4 "Martha M. Brink's Addition" according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's Addition, excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Centex Home  
Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 195.0212

-26-02-09-16-23

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith and Bonnie M. Smith husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1993, and recorded on November 17, 1993 in Liber 369 on Page 69 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five and 19/100 dollars (\$43,055.19), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brink's 2nd Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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**BEAUTIFULLY WOODED HILLSIDE SETTING** with rolling terrain overlooking pond. Gorgeous newly remodeled 912 s.f. home plus full finished walk-out basement. 3 B/R, 2 bath, family room, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceiling, doorwall onto 400 s.f. elevated deck. Maintenance free exterior with a rustic up north interior. 20 x 20 garage. recent updates include: kitchen, carpet, shingles, electric, and paint. Located 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. CH-1687 \$105,000



**PERFECT HOME OR CABIN!** Beautiful mature Red & White Pines. Double lot fronting blacktop county maintained road. Great location for four season recreation. 860 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, hardwood floors, knotty pine interior, 20 x 20 garage. recent updates include: kitchen, carpet, shingles, electric, and paint. Located 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. CH-1688 \$52,000



**PERFECT UP NORTH HOME** 2.5 Acres 3 miles from town and 1/2 mile from snowmobile trails! 1,200 s.f., 2 B/R, family room could be made into master B/R, 1 1/2 baths, gas log fireplace, 12 x 16 sun porch, 1 car detached garage, two storage sheds, blacktop approach, sidewalks, fencing for dog kennel. CH-1689 \$83,500.



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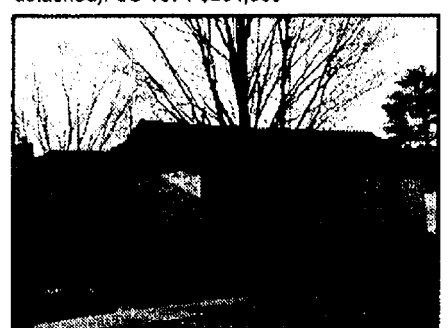
**THE PERFECT HOME FOR YOUR TREASURED ANTIQUES!** This 2,780 s.f. home is located in the City of Grayling. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, ceramic tile and hardwood flooring, partially finished basement, study, and family room. Updated electrical, partial roof, windows, and vinyl siding. Fenced yard, two story garage, covered front porch, and covered deck with hot tub. CH-1652 \$84,900



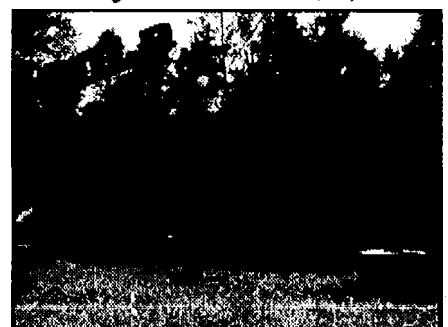
**VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area. Large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$189,000



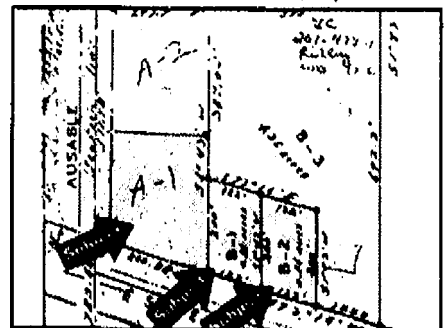
**TRANQUIL SETTING WITH LOTS OF WILDLIFE!** 471 foot AuSable River with 2.75 acres. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000



**HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room 12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500



**GREAT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY ON 5.65 ACRES!** Adjoins State Land on 2 sides. 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile with block addition. Offers 620 s.f. with partial block basement. Built over roof. 2 1/2 car detached garage with heater and electric door opener. Septic pumped 3 years ago. Well has new point in 2002. New pressure tank. Secluded setting in nice location. Lots of wildlife in area. CS-1603 \$46,500



**505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST!** Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$132,000

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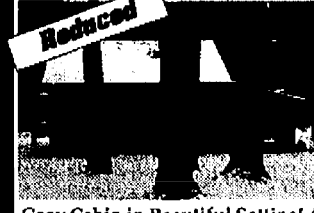


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**Cozy Cabin in Beautiful Setting!** A very nice 2 bedroom, 3/4 bath cabin with a 24' x 32' pole barn and a storage shed. Hot tub on enclosed porch for enjoyment all year round is negotiable with sale of cabin. Nice setting with large white and red pines. Just bring your snowmobiles and have fun! \$55,900 #224666



**Home on 11.5 Acres with Flowing Well!** 3 bedroom 1 1/2 story on paved road 4 miles from West Branch. On 11.5 acres with nice garden spot and flowing well on property. Great starter home or hunting camp! Land contract possible. \$65,000 #223843



**AuSable River A-Frame!** This 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home on the North Branch of the AuSable River sits less than 30' from the river and offers a beautiful view. 1 1/2 story barn/workshop is 32' x 32'; pole barn is 22' x 22'; patio includes small pond and there is a circle drive. Kitchen appliances are 4 years old, wall heater is 2 years old. To be sold "as is." \$139,900 #224564



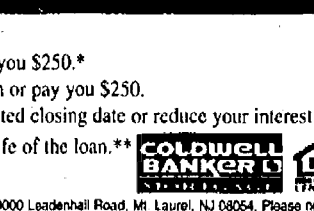
**Mobile Offering Privacy & Country Living!** Country living and privacy on 10 acres is what this 2 BR, 1 bath home offers. There are 3 out-buildings, all with electric in a 16 x 20 work shop with heat, a 10 x 12 storage shed, and a 12 x 12 wood storage shed. Also included are two high-pressure outdoor water faucets and some fencing. \$55,000 #224505



**Perfect Weekend Cabin!** Great 2 bedroom, 1 bath weekend cabin. Large 24' x 32' garage with a 12' x 24' lean-to. Property adjoins state land to the East and West. Excellent area for snowmobiling. \$49,500 #223417



**Beautiful Views!** Very unique 3BR, 2 bath home that sits on top of a hill with a beautiful view. Home offers an all wood interior, metal roof, newer vinyl windows, huge garage (32 x 46), adjoins state land, snowmobile trails in all directions and not far from cross country skiing trails. \$98,500 #223322



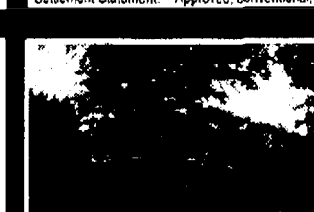
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**Located in Luzerne! Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath starter home in the town of Luzerne. Quiet neighborhood, ready to move into. Close to Big Creek. \$67,000 #223307**



**30 Acres of Farmland and Forest!** This property could have many uses. About 20 acres of field for farm land or horses, about 10 acres of beautiful large trees, most are maples. Excellent building sites. \$89,900 #222682



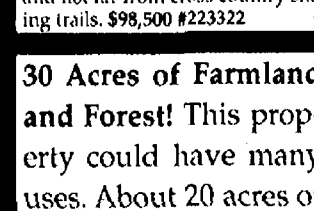
**Very Wooded 4 Acres on the AuSable River!** 224' of frontage on the South Branch of the famous AuSable River. This desirable 4 acres is on blacktop, very wooded and great building site. \$39,500 #222546



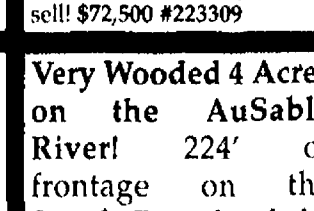
**Beautiful Hunting Property!** Beautiful 10 acres of hunting and snowmobile country. Adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. \$24,900 #221105



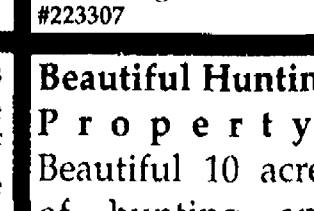
**10 Acres of Hunting Property!** Great 10 acres of hunting land with state land on the East and West side. Power is 660 feet away. Priced right. Will accept a land contract for 3-5 years with 20+ % down. \$24,900 #220553



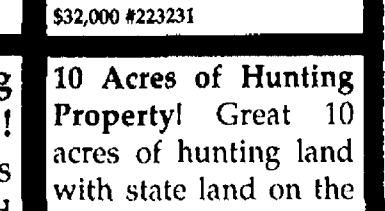
**80 Acres/Hunting Property!** A great 80 acre parcel for the out of doors type. State land on 3 sides. Snowmobile trails close by. Lots of deer, grouse and turkey in the area. Power at the east side of the parcel. Seller is licensed real estate agent. \$139,900 #13681



**Very Clean Mobile with Basement!** Great 2 bedroom, 1 bath with the large bedroom being 9'8" x 22'10". Fenced in yard, comes furnished, including stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. 10' x 10' basement, roof over mobile. \$32,000 #223231



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**MERCY AMICARE HOME-CARE & HOSPICE** is looking for an RN who is willing to work contingently for the Hospice service. This person will work in the office and/or some occasional field work. Computer or laptop experience a plus! This is a great opportunity for an RN who does not want a caseload, or specific schedule. One or more years of experience, med surg nursing, or hospice/homecare experience. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and be organized. Interested candidates can call Gayle Willett for more information (800) 424-1457 or mail resume/application to: 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Fax: (989) 348-0045 Attn: Gayle. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (12/19/02tf/3)

**FORESTRY PROGRAM SECRETARY** Michigan State University Extension is looking to fill the position of Forestry Program Secretary. This position is a part-time, clerical position working 19 hours per week without benefits. Applicants should have experience in using office-type computer software, possess good written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage multiple tasks with minimal supervision. Position will be housed out of the MSU Extension office which is located in the basement of the Crawford County Building in Grayling. Send cover letter and resume; Sustainable Forestry Education Program, MSU Extension, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline for application is January 29, 2003. A more detailed job description is available upon request by contacting us at (989) 344-3263. (-16-23/3)

# WINTER USED CAR CLEARANCE

### Next to New Cars

**2000 CHEVY MALIBU LS**  
V6, power windows and doors, CD/Cassette, real nice! #19287-1  
Was \$13,488  
**Blowout Price \$11,988** Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS**  
Wow! Flame Red with power moon roof and lots of goodies! This one won't be here long! #19343-1  
Was \$19,988  
**Blowout Price \$17,988** Not a Mistake!

**2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
2 Dr., Red with power sunroof, auto, air, spoiler, really sharp! #1728-1  
Was \$11,988  
**Blowout Price \$10,488** Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO LS**  
Really clean! Like new! Only 25,000 miles! #4974-1  
Was \$16,988  
**Blowout Price \$15,988** Not a Mistake!

**2003 PONTIAC VIBE**  
Auto, air, CD, power windows, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #4944  
Was \$17,988  
**Blowout Price \$16,488** Not a Mistake!

**2000 BUICK REGAL**  
GS, Top of the line, leather, sunroof, a beautiful car! #1919-1  
Was \$14,988  
**Blowout Price \$13,488** Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE**  
Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1  
Was \$16,988  
**Blowout Price \$12,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE D'ELEGANCE**  
Awesome white diamond with chrome wheels, in great condition and priced like a Chevrolet. #18758-1  
Was \$17,988  
**Blowout Price \$15,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 SATURN LS1**  
Bigger Saturn with all of the small car reliability! Low miles and excellent condition! #4881  
Was \$14,488  
**Blowout Price \$10,988** Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHRYSLER SEBRING COUPE**  
Leather, loaded with power moonroof, chrome wheels, V6, it has it all! Best of all only 7,000 miles! #17950  
Was \$25,475  
**Blowout Price \$17,988** Not a Mistake!

### Clean Cars - Under \$10,000 Cont.

**1999 SATURN WAGON SW1**  
Auto, with air! Very clean! Must See! Great Gas Mileage! #4882  
Was \$12,988  
**Blowout Price \$9,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and Sharp! Red! Worry Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19283-1  
Was \$12,988  
**Blowout Price \$9,988** Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK LESABRE**  
Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp! #19198-2  
Was \$10,988  
**Blowout Price \$9,488** Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD TAURUS**  
GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$4,988** Not a Mistake!

### Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's

**2001 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4 4 DR.**  
LT Model! Very clean! Full power! #19425-1  
Was \$17,988  
**Blowout Price \$15,988** Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVY K3500 4X4 PLOW TRUCK**  
Very nice and strong, Silverado trim, V8, working plow! #19494-1  
Was \$13,988  
**Blowout Price \$11,988** Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K1500**  
Full size pickup, 4x4, V8, nice truck. #19387-1  
Was \$12,988  
**Blowout Price \$10,988** Not a Mistake!

**1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4X4**  
Sportside, V8, Very Nice! Lots of eye appeal! #4973  
Was \$14,988  
**Blowout Price \$12,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4X4**  
V-6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice! #4997  
Was \$14,988  
**Blowout Price \$12,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for winter! #4997  
Was \$19,988  
**Blowout Price \$17,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4**  
New body style with leather! Rear air, loaded! Only 29,000 miles! #4859  
Was \$31,988  
**Blowout Price \$28,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, Auto, with air! V-8 with only 10,000 miles! #4899  
Was \$17,988  
**Blowout Price \$14,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4**  
LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718  
Was \$27,988  
**Blowout Price \$24,988** Not a Mistake!

**1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT**  
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean! #4997  
Was \$12,988  
**Blowout Price \$11,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE RAM**  
Quad Cab, V-8, SLT, fully equipped! #19487-1  
Was \$12,988  
**Blowout Price \$10,988** Not a Mistake!

**2001 DODGE DURANGO 4X4**  
Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902  
Was \$24,988  
**Blowout Price \$21,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN**  
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1  
Was \$22,988  
**Blowout Price \$20,988** Not a Mistake!

**1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**  
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new! #1931-1  
Was \$11,988  
**Blowout Price \$10,488** Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD WINDSTAR**  
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments! #19107-1  
Was \$13,988  
**Blowout Price \$12,488** Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.**  
4x4, LS Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940  
Was \$30,988  
**Blowout Price \$28,988** Not a Mistake!

### Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's Cont.

**1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4**  
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4918  
Was \$15,988  
**Blowout Price \$13,988** Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4**  
Z71 LT with leather! All of the goodies and only 19,000 miles! #19479-1  
Was \$25,988  
**Blowout Price \$23,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto, air, LS, lift, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825  
Was \$13,988  
**Blowout Price \$11,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT**  
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint, Beautiful Unit! #19317-1  
Was \$16,488  
**Blowout Price \$16,988** Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD EXPLORER**  
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19067-1  
Was \$13,988  
**Blowout Price \$12,488** Not a Mistake!

**2000 GMC YUKON 4X4**  
New body style, SLT, leather, power roof, running boards, 3rd row seating! Sweet! #4931  
Was \$27,988  
**Blowout Price \$25,488** Not a Mistake!

**2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS**  
With leather! Only 28,000 miles! Loaded with goodies! #4847  
Was \$22,988  
**Blowout Price \$14,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4959  
Was \$14,988  
**Blowout Price \$12,988** Not a Mistake!

**2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE**  
Wow! What a sweetheart! Aspen white with neutral leather. Top Shell! #4945  
Was \$33,988  
**Blowout Price \$31,988** Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K2500 3/4 TON 4X4**  
Ext. Cab, Nice truck and ready for winter! Only 53,000 miles! #19521-1  
Was \$16,988  
**Blowout Price \$14,988** Not a Mistake!

### Clean Cars - Under \$10,000

**2001 SATURN SL1**  
4 dr., auto with air, Only 8,000 miles. #4856  
Was \$13,988  
**Blowout Price \$9,988** Not a Mistake!

**1995 PLYMOUTH NEON**  
Great car for the price! #19279-1  
Was \$3,988  
**Blowout Price \$2,988** Not a Mistake!

**1995 CADILLAC CONCOURS**  
Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall! #19390-2  
Was \$8,988  
**Blowout Price \$7,988** Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDSMOBILE OUTLASS SUPREME**  
Very nice with only 58,000 miles! #19307-2  
Was \$8,988  
**Blowout Price \$7,488** Not a Mistake!

**1998 DODGE NEON**  
Auto, with air, CD, power windows and local! Great fuel economy! #18890-1  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$5,988** Not a Mistake!

**1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE**  
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means! #19451-1  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$5,488** Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE NEON**  
Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice! #19419-1  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$5,988** Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDS AURORA**  
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$7,488** Not a Mistake!

**1996 BUICK REGAL**  
Nice used car with lots of quality driving left in it. #4855-1  
Was \$6,488  
**Blowout Price \$4,988** Not a Mistake!

### Clean Trucks, SUV's and Vans under \$10,000

**1995 CHEVY C1500**  
2 Wheel drive, V6, stick, Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$5,988** Not a Mistake!

**1996 FORD RANGER REGULAR CAB**  
2 Wheel drive "splash" stick with air, Really sharp! #19358-2  
Was \$4,988  
**Blowout Price \$3,488** Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
6 cyl. nice! Ready for winter! #19358-2  
Was \$9,988  
**Blowout Price \$8,488** Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**  
4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles! #19528-1  
Was \$11,988  
**Blowout Price \$9,988** Not a Mistake!

**1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN**  
Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$6,988** Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT 4X4**  
4 dr., sport model, very clean and sharp! #19570-1  
Was \$7,988  
**Blowout Price \$5,988** Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**  
2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter! #19210-2  
Was \$6,988  
**Blowout Price \$6,988** Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB**  
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883  
Was \$11,988  
**Blowout Price \$8,988** Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, V-8, Neat as a pin, fully equipped. #19253-1  
Was \$12,988  
**Blowout Price \$9,988** Not a Mistake!

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### 1. Employment

**REGISTERED NURSES**  
Extended Care Facility - Eden Alternative Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Registered Nurses for a full time and part-time positions in our extended care facility. Mercy Manor, an Eden Alternative facility is known for the quality of care that it provides to the residents as well as respect for the staff. We offer a competitive salary and an excellent fringe benefit package including medical, dental, vision, life, long term disability, pension, 403B and flexible spending accounts and more. Interested persons please contact Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone number (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 e-mail: feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-16-23/3)

### 4. Services Offered

**DRIVER'S TRAINING & Road Testing** is offered by the Grayling Drivers Training School. Register now for the April 8 class. Contact Howard Lehti (989) 348-8838. (LR4/3/03/4)

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### 3. Employment

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**Full-Time Intake Coordinator-Skilled Services:** Person is responsible for accepting calls from various referral sources, physicians offices assessing the call according to guidelines and procedures. Communicates the information to the Clinical Team and provides Insurance Verification process. Also direct interaction with the scheduler, and other team members. Entering data into the computer system, and processing information. This person will report to the Business Manager, and must be able to work independently. Minimum requirements are: High School diploma or GED, baccalaureate degree preferred, or 2 to 3 years industry experience. 2 Years customer service experience in acute care, home health, or physician office setting required. Experience with referrals a plus. Excellent organization skills, well-developed verbal communication skills a must. Ability to function as a team important. Various duties and frequent changes ongoing. Contact Brenda Lake, Business Manager at 1-800-424-1457; 989-348-4383 or 231-876-4504. Fax: 231-779-9554. Applications available at 201 Meadows Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. Amicare is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Achieving Workforce Diversity through Affirmative Action.

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**Full-Time Office Coordinator-Hospice Services:** Person is responsible for maintaining office operations, maintenance of medical records, supplies, billing, and a variety of clerical functions. Handle accounts payable, data entry, and answering the telephone. This person's role is extensive with contact of staff, clients, caregivers, and physicians. They will report directly to the Business Manager, and must be able to work independently. Collaboration with other departments is critical for success. Qualifications minimally must be: High School diploma and additional business/office training. 1 year of experience, medical office setting preferred. Excellent organizational and human relation skills, and computer skills as well. This position is fast paced, and multi-tasking is a must. Patience and tact are essential. Excellent benefits and compensation package for the right person. Contact Brenda Lake, Business Manager at 1-800-424-1457; 989-348-4383 or 231-876-4504. Fax: 231-779-9554. Applications available at 201 Meadows Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. Amicare is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Achieving Workforce Diversity through Affirmative Action.

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### 5. For Sale

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We sell furniture, decor for every room & collectibles.  
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### 5. For Sale

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**2002 SKI-DOO MXZ 500 Fan**, Yellow, electric start, reverse, garage kept, showroom new, 1,250 miles. \$5,200. (989) 821-9367 (-16-23/5)

**LOG BED FRAME** (one year old). Queen size (no mattress), \$200. Call (989) 344-0522, ask for Marjean. (16-23/5)

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**4 X 8 Lighted Signs** and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

### 8. Announcements

**MARGRETHEVILLE**  
Karaoke every Thursday starting at 8 p.m. Drink specials, great fun don't miss it. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-16/8)

### 4. Services Offered

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Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday band playing. Jan. 8 - Jan. 11 Kung Fu Diesel - Pickadilly Rock Dance; Jan. 15 - Jan. 18 Wed. & Thurs. DJ Cal, Fri. & Sat. The Ride. Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-9-16/8)

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### 11. Automotive

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### 9. Personals


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**Happy Birthday Paige and Peri**



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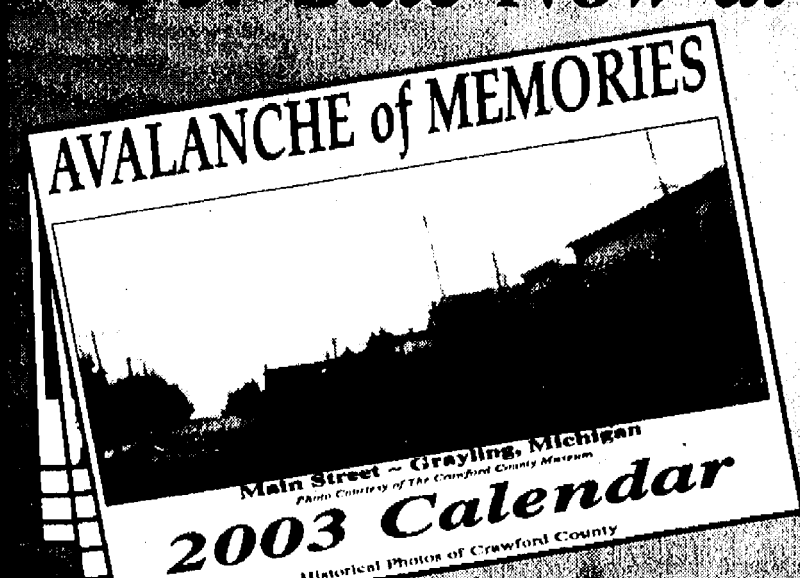
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